Police given go ahead to use a full force of law against violent pickets

Violent scenes outside Hadfields, the Sheffield private steel works, were condemned by the Prime Minister in the Commons yesterday. She said enforcement of the law must be in the hands of the police. Sir Michael Havers, OC,

judges

on unions'

immunity

The much discussed govern-

ment proposals to curb union immunities in secondary industrial action, published yester-

day, introduce into the civil

law for the first time a specific statutory test requiring that such action be "not principally for some extraneous motive". Judges will, in fact, have to

be satisfied on this and another

test before any secondary action could be considered for

immunity from civil suit: that

(a) the action be "reasonably
capable of furthering the trade
dispute in question"; and (b)
that it be "predominantly" in
pursuit of that dispute and
"not principally" for the
extraneous motive.

As experted, the consultative document published yesterday by Mr James Prior, Secretary

of State for Employment, after

arduous argument with his Cabi-

net colleagues, proposes limit-

ing union immunities in second-ary action to first suppliers or

customers of an employer in

Sympathy action against "suppliers' suppliers", it it sought to induce a breach of, or interfere with, any commer-

cial contract, threatened or actual, would no longer benefit for immunity under the law. Employers could seek redress in

But it turned out not to be

simply to narrow present in numities, which allow a virtual free-for-all under which a union

is protected from being sued

provided it can claim to be fur-

thering a trade dispute.
Instead, as Mr Prior tried ex-

plaining to a somewhat scepti-

cal gathering at a news con-

what the definition of a politi-cal strike was. "But if it were

cal strike was.

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for the Government

the courts.
All that was expected.

extraneous motive.

By Our Political Editor

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Attorney General, said police enjoyed greater powers than they had used. Hadfields' management has been told by police after violence last Thursday that they would not be able to protect people and plant if pickets were increased. All

leave was cancelled for Kent police because of the expected arrival of 2,000 pickets outside the Sheerness Steel plant today [Page 2]. The Government introduced proposals yesterday to curb union immunities in secondary industrial action.

New test for Existing powers are adequate to cope with trouble, MPs told

By Fred Emery Political Editor

Signalling a clear green light to chief police officers to act more energetically against criminal lawbreaking by pickets, and a red light to wayward union officials, Sir Michael Havers, QC, Attorney General, yesterday issued a statement purporting to clarify existing criminal law in the wake of the violence last week outside Had-fields in Sheffield.

However, Sir Michael, in addressing the Commons, gave his clear interpretation that the police enjoy greater powers than they have been prepared to

Police could not only limit the numbers of pickets in any one place where they had reason-able cause to fear disorder; he went on: "In my view this in-cludes, in the appropriate case, not only asking some of those present to leave but also pre-venting others from joining the

In clarifying the obvious point that pickets have no right to cause obstruction he also de-. clared: "Pickets have no right to link arms or otherwise prevent access to the place they are picketing.
"If pickets by sheer numbers

The volume and intensity of

picketing of private sector steel firms has reached a point at which the ability of the police

to cope with mass pickets is placed in question.

After violent demonstrations outside Hadfields, of Sheffield,

police, at a meeting with Had-

fields's management, gave warning that substantial in-creases in the number of pickets

Mr Derek Norton, chairman

of Hadfields, last night declined to confirm that such a warning

"If pickets by sheer numbers But for whose benefit was seek to stop people going to the clarification of the law

goods they are not protected by the law since the purpose is to obstruct rather than persuade." The Attorney General acted in the guise of reaffirming the law in order to remove doubts. Even if his words have political effect, it is left to Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, to

give formal advice when he meets representatives of chief police officers tomorrow at their request. According to Sir Michael they

are to give their views on the difficulties they are having in enforcing the law. Sir Michael would nor be drawn on what had happened at Hadfields, but Mrs Margaret Thatcher bad no qualms. At question time the Prime Minister said of what she had seen on television: "I cannot con-

demn them enough. They bore no relation peaceful picketing, which is the only kind of picketing pro-tected by the law. When we get scenes like that, enforcement of the law, and it seemed a criminal matter and not a civil matter, must be in the bands of the police. We should give the police our full backing in their difficulties "

bringing our workforce out on

seemed highly improbable they would be able to maintain law

Throughout the dispute, Mr Norton has had nothing but praise for the way in which the

police have manuged to contain

police have managed to contain often unruly pickets.

New evidence of alleged intimidation of staff and workers at Hadfields came to light yesterday, however, when Mr Norton handed to south Yorkshire police statements

from 35 employees who had

suffered in various ways at the

hands of the pickets.

The statements told of men and women employees being spat upon, kicked, sworn at and jostled as they went to

work. Women described how they had been called scabs, bastards and whores. A number

Hadfield workers tell of abuse

being made? Mr Jumes Cal-lagban, leader of the Opposi-tion, said there were no doubts the Labour side, unless it be that the Government ought to settle the steel strike and so remove the cause of picket-

He wondered whether the clearing up was because of remarks by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chan-cellor, or perhaps to placate rampant right-wingers on the Tory backbenches.

Sir Michael demurred. There were doubts he said, in news-papers, among others. But MPs vere not given the full story of what the Government intends. The Government's main point was to get over to the doubters, including chief police afficers and union leaders, that the present criminal law is enough.

That means, for instance, that the nolice can stop busloads of flying nickets bound for Sheerness if they believe that the numbers of pickets there threatened disorder.
They will not be arrested,

simply asked not to go; if they persisted deliberately in defying policeadrice they could arrested for obstructing officer in the course of

end of Vulcan Road. Our party consisted of about 35, to 40

people; we were immediately called various names, spat at,

means of kicks and pushes. There were no police to protect

us. The women in the party

were very brave to keep going

on in the circumstances, and the

men kept their patience in the very explosive situation."

corridor of harred"

Another statement spoke of

In a formal statement last

night, the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, Mr. J. H.

Brownlow, confirmed that he had received the documents

detailing incidents of intimi-

dation by pickets against Had-field employees", and said the matter would be investigated.

and forced off the causeway

"The pickets indicated that complained that there were too

if they were unsuccessful in few police to protect people bringing our workforce out on One statement told of police

strike, they would increase the number of pickers by 1,000 and under these circumstances we entered into discussion with senior police officers since it policeman only on dary at that

said:

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Neutrality plan for Afghanistan by EEC

From Michael Hornsby
Rome, Feb 19
In an important initiative aimed at halting the deterioration in East-West relation, the EEC today proposed the neutralization of Afghanistan under international guarantee in return for the withdrawal of Saviet troops from that country Soviet troops from that country.

The six-point proposal, which was sponsored by Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, was unanimously approved at a meeting here of EEC foreign

ministers.

The Nine asserted their belief that the crisis in Afghanistan "could be overcome constructively through an arrangement which allows a neutral Afghanl-

stan to be outside competition among the powers".

The foreign ministers also declared that the aim of their proposal would be to restore a situation in Afghanistan in line with the resolution adopted by a large majority of the General Assembly of the United Nations

last month.
The United Nations resolution appealed to all states to respect the sovereignty, territorial in tegrity, political independence and non-aligned character of Afghanistan and to refruin from any interference in the internal uffairs of that country.
Simor Attilio Ruffini, the
Italian Foreign Minister, and
president of the FEC's Council

of Ministers, said after the meeting that the neutrality scheme offered "a possible path out of the crisis which the Soviet Union could look at

the implications of its action in invading Afghanistan, Signor Ruffini added.

At a separate press conference, Lord Corrington argued that if Moscow was sincere in claiming that its occupation of Afghanistan had been necessary to preserve Russian securiry, then " neutrality would meet that concern and enable the Soviet Union to withdraw its troops on a respectable basis in line with the United Nations resolution "

Lord Carrington made the point that after the Aighan wars of the last century Afghanistan had acquired an "unwritten neutrality" guaran-teed by Tsarist Russia and British India, and it was the disruption of that status after Indian independence in 1947 that was in a sense responsible

for the present situation.

The Carrington initiative, which was first put in confidence to Britain's FEC partners by other foreign ministers. The United States has

kept informed of the EEC's thinking, and it was noted here that President Curter himself made a brief reference at a press conference in Washington last week to the "neutralization" of Alghanistan.

In effect, the EEC has de-cided to test the theory that the Soviet action in Afghanistan may have been motivated more by concern that Islamic nationalism might infect Russia's own Muslim minorities than by a desire to embark on a new and aggressively exponsingist phase of foreign policy. If that is true then the Russians might be attracted by the neutrality proposal as a graceful way out of the Afghan



Trudeau after the news that in opposition. His Liberal Canadian voters had restored Party won a clear majority him to power. He will take over over as Prime Minister

Winning smile: Mr Pierre again after only nine months Conservatives. Report, page 6

Pupils aged 16 to sit single examination

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

The Government has decided that the GCE O-level and CSE examinations should be replaced by a single system for children aged 16, but with alternative papers offered at different levels of ability. The academic standards designated by the top three O-level grades will be re-

rained. The new examination which will start in five years, will cover the same range of ability as the present CSE and O level examinations were intended to cover, the top 60 per cent.

The results will be graded from 1-7, with the top three grades corresponding to the pre-sent O-level grades A-C, or the

old system. The Government expects the present eight GCE boards and 13 regional CSE boards to cooperate to work out "national criteria" for syllabuses and assessment procedures to ensure that every examination with the same subject title has sufficient content in common, and that all boards apply the same grades to similar standards

Commenting on the Govern-ment's decision yesterday. Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that the present dual system of O-level and CSE ex-aninations was confusing, in-efficient, and wasteful. There were too many examination boards, too many widely divergent syllabuses, and too many examinations in the same sub-

ject.
Unlike the last Government's proposals for a single examina-tion system at 16 plus, the new plan would not involve amaigamations of examination boards into regional groups, though some night wish to form groups or even to merge. Schools would still he able to choose hetween examinations set by different

The Schools Council, which has oversight for the GCE A-level examinations, would be ssked to comment on the national criteria drawn up by the boards, but would not be the coordinating authority for the new examination. The Sec-retary of State would have ultimate responsibility for approving the national criteria.

Mr Carlisle said that the Government was concerned about the bottom 40 per cent of pupils who would take no public examination. It was looking closely at the idea of a final school-leaving certificate

Mr Howard King, secretary general of the Cambridge, Oxford and Southern Schools Examination Council, repre-senting four GCE boards, said that they were pleased by the proposals for alternative papers for children of different ability, and for the GCE boards to retain their national

coverage of schools.

Mr John Mann, secretary of the School's Council, welcomed the Government's aunounce-ment as "a useful move for-

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SITTING COULD IMPROVE YOUR STANDING

Reagan joke drops him in the duck

From David Cross
Washington, Feb 19
Mr Ronald Reagan, the
former Governor of California
and leading Republican contender for the Presidency, wishes
he had never heard the one
about the duck, It has really
put him in the soup.
Campaigning in New Hampshire at the weekend, Mr

shire at the weekend. Mr Reagan made the mistake of regaling reporters with a joke which hadmuch amused Senator Gordon Humphrey of that state when Mr Reagan told it earlier in the day. It went as follows:

"How do you tell the Polish one at a cockfight?" Answer:

"He's the one with the duck."

"How do you tell the

"How do you tell the Italian?" Answer: "He's the one who bets on the duci."
"How do you tell the Mafia is there?" Answer: "The duck

Mr Reagan apparently laughed heartily, echoed by the reporters accompanying him on reporters accompanying him on bis campaign tour. But one of Mr Reagan's advisers was more perceptive. "There goes Connecticut", he said grimly, referring to a New England state which has a governor of Italian descent. Mrs Ella Grusso, and a large ethnic population.

population.
The aide may well be proved right. As soon as the smile had disappeared from Mr Reagan's face, the joke began to assume the proportions of a monumental political gaffe.

No joke improves with retelling, and this is what Mr Reagan has discovered as it has been featured again and again on television and in the news-papers. One of the six co-chairmen of Mr Reagan's election campaign in New Hampshire, which holds its crucial primary next week, has even said he is no longer sure he can continue to support the former governor. Mr Reagan has called fout Mr Keagan has called four against the press and has been trying to repair some of the domage by explaining why he told the joke in the first place. Explaining why he had told the joke, he said he had given it as an example of a "kind of joke to end all jokes, because it did not stop with just one ethnic group, and as a matter ethnic group, and as a matter of fact, every group in the story came out on top".

This reasoning left his listeners somewhat bemused, as it failed to explain why Mr Reagan had laughed so heartily. Mrs Reagan also committed a guffe while snowbound in Chicago on her way to causuaign with her hutband in New England. In a telephone link up with her busband, she said she wished Mr Reagan could here beautiful with see all these beautiful white people (pause) . . beautiful black and white people ". She told a reporter later: "I'm so sorry. I didn't mean it." She had been referring to the colour of the snow not the people she explained Quark

Gas men reject 17 pc pay offer

people, she explained. Quack, quack.

Delegates representing 39,000 gas workers yesterday rejected a 17 per cent pay offer recommended by General and Municipal Workers' Union negotiators, who will now meet the British Gas Corporation on February 28 to try to get the offer raised.

a purely political strike, theu, yest, it could be extraneous. The Government, however, had been received from the police, nor was any senior police officer available to would not go to court to stop a strike; the proposal concomment. cerned only attempt to induce breach of commercial contract Mr Norton said of last Thursday's incidents, however: "In Mr Prior stood in front of a our opinion, there were between 1,500 and 2,000 pickets, Police

state in Palestine".

The announcement drew a

strong Israeli protest to Dublin. Another diplomatic protest

was registered yesterday when Sir John Mason, the ourgoing

British ambassador to Israel, held his final meeting with Mr

Begin, the Israeli Prime Minis-

ter. According to a reliable account, Mr Begin used the

occasion to launch a furious attack on the British Govern-

ment's Middle East policy.
According to Israeli officials,

Mr Begin accused the British of

he has launched against Britain

tary, felt that the Camp David

accords were not sufficient for

a solution of the Palestinian

representing the Palestinians.

For its part, the PLO would

Mayors meet envoy, page 6

large diagram to demonstrate where the immunity line was e the immunity line was obviously had great difficulty Continued on page 2, col 6 in trying to keep law and order.

Israel in diplomatic drive to block European recognition of Palestine

planning to launch a diplomatic offensive in Europe designed to counter what are regarded as British-led moves to secure an amendment to resolution 243 of the United Nations Security Council which would recognize the Palestinian right to selfdetermination.

Europe has been summoned to a special meeting in London on Thursday at which they will be briefed on the Government's undisclosed tactics for undermining the new European initiative on the Middle East The meering will be chaired

adopting a policy with "a waft of appeasement" about it. Mr Begm's attack was the bitterest by Mr Yosef Ciechanover, the influential Director-General of since Mrs Thatcher took office. In reply, Sir John was said to have explained that Lord the Israeli Foreign Ministry, and Mr Moshe Sasson, ambassa-Carrington, the Foreign Secredor with special responsibility

which was drawn up after the six-day war in 1967.

The summoning of the ambassadors is seen as a reflection of

Israel's rights as a state. East peace process. This fear was heightened last week by a joint declaration

all but one set of tests have become available, prior to full publication in the scientific press. The American journal Science is understood to be considering this material for its about the one result, which is being withheld for the time

Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico, has disclosed the gist of tehe results from the scientific tests on certain stains or marks Continued on page 6, col 4

Tough Budget

The March Budget is likely to be tough and could mark the start of a two or three year period during which real take-home pay will fail. Doubt is increasing over whether the Chancellor will be able to give all personal allowance increases implied in the Rooker-Wise amendment, which raises them automatically in line with inflation. This bleaker outlook is a result of high interest rates. Page 19

Norway warned The Russians are intensifying their warnings

to Norway about the implications in what they describe as the 'arc of tension" being created on the Soviet frontier. The Russiaus are worried about American weaponing being stationed on Norwegian soil Fage 7

Residents on the remote Finisterre peninsula of Brittany are fighting off some 15 million hungry starlings which arrived at the end of January and so far have eaten 30 tons of corn

US to curb money supply growth

United States monetary policy is to be tightened, Mr Paul Volcker, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board said. He said the central bank was determined to curb money supply growth. Leading banks increased their prime rate from 15.25 per cent to 15.75 per cent, and the Dow Jones Industrial Index fell

Threat to Austin Morris

An extended strike at BL's Longoridge plant in Birmingham over the reinstatement of Mr Derek Robinson, the dismissed shop stewards' leader, will determine the fate of Austin Morris, Mr Ray Horrocks, managing director of BL Cars, said Page 2

Nuclear sites selected Protests are likely over the announcement that

five sites in Cornwall and Dorset are to be investigated as possible locations for nuclear power stations. The CEGB expects a public inquiry before building on any of the sites

House Explodes: Seven people taken to hospital in Wakefield after blast blows a hole through a three-storey building

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Case for the Shroud strengthens By Clifford Longley

Religious Affairs Correspondent the scientific tests performed in 1978 on the Sbroud of Turin has substantially strengthened the case for its authenticity.

It is traditionally supposed to be the linen burial cloth in be the linen burial cloth in which the body of Jesus Christ was wrapped after the Crucifixion, and its carries an extraordinary image which fits the biblical story in every detail. However, the crucial Carbon 14 dating test has still to be approved by the authorities responsible for the Shroud, and this now appears to have overthis now appears to have over riding significance in solving the

one other result, of a scientific test already performed, which creates yet further hesitation in the minds of the experts, and only a Carbon 14 test would resolve the issue one way or resolve the issue one way or The Shroud is kept in Turin

cathedral in the care of the Archbishop and was exposed for public veneration in the autumn of 1978. Afterwards several teams of scientists were allowed to carry our every kind of nondestructive test they could devise using advanced equipment, and the information gained has been analysed in research centres in the United States and elsewhere.

March issue, but no decision appears to have been made

expected

The March Budget is likely to be tough and

Plea to athletes

Mrs Thatcher has sent a letter to the British Olympic Association urging British athletes not ro atend the Moscow Olympics. If they were to participate in the Moscow games they would be condoning an "international" crime committed by the Soviet Union, she said Page 6

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from the Foreign Ministers of the Irish Republic and Bahrain favouring the Palestinian peo-ples' right to "an independent

Asked if this would forbid not be in a position to guarantee a political strike, Mr Prior first the security of manufacture.

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, Feb 19 The Israeli Government is

It is understood that every Israeli ambassador based in

for Europe.
It is seen as important to the campaign to prevent any change in the wording of the resolution problem. He explained that the proposed changes to resolution 242 would recognize Palestinian

political rights and involve the recognition of the PLO as growing Israeli concern that the EEC countries are gradually moving towards collective recognition of the Palestine be required to accept the amended resolution meaning Liberation Organization and its that for the first time they future involvement in a that for the first time they radically restructured Middle would publicly have to recognize

President Tito responds

Belgrade, Feb 19 Today's medical bulletin on the condition of President Tito is more optimistic although the chances of him recoving totally are clearly being ruled out.
Reports say that the kidneys has recovered in the past few which have weakened critically days, but he remains a gravely have now responded to treat sick man.

troublesome. Nevertheless, the bulletin emphasizes that the President's condition still remains grave. His beart, which weakened

The first reliable account of

mystery of the relic.
It is rumoured that there is

The general conclusions from

being.
Dr Robert Dinegar, a chemist
on the staff of tehe Los Alamos

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HOME NEWS.

BSC chief attacks ministerial 'bungling'

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of the British Steel Corporation, last night launched a strong attack on "bungled government communications and on Mr James Prior. Secretary of State for Employment. Criticizing "leaks" which led to reports yesterday that the Government was planing to unseat him once the present strike was resolved and which Sir Charles believes emanated from Mr Prior, he said: "I had no prior warning. I did start to get angry.

"I do not think that I have been so angry since the last time I saw Mr 'Tiny' Rowland [Mr Roland Rowland, head of the Lourho company, who met Sir Charles recently over difficulties exeperienced by Lonrho's steelmaking subsidi-

ary. Hadfields].

There are monumental problems, they are very difficult to solve and there is a great deal of bungled communication going on in the Government at the moment", Sir Charles added. He emphasized that he had no intention of

resigning.
"I am here until my contract finishes at midnight on September 10 this year. I have not asked and do not wish for it to be renewed", he said.

Clearly encouraged by the vote of confidence in his chairmanship, given by the Prime Minister in the Commons yes-terday, Sir Charles said: "Reparts of my demise have been exaggerated and premature."

He said he had warned the Government last September that the pay negotiations and the accompanying retrenchment of British Steel could lead to a general strike. The Government

had taken note of hs warning. Sir Charles said he had told Whitehall six months ago that ministers should began a search for a successor and he had approached possible candidates, on the job. He emphasized that money was obviously a factor. Sir Charles referred to details of the draft claim due to be submitted to the BSC at the end of this week, details of which appeared in The Times yesterday. It was rather strange, he said, that the details should appear in a newspaper rather than coming from the unions direct to the corporation. "What I have to do in the short time I have left is to get the steel business on to a firm

Mr Murray rejects call to reaffirm picketing guidelines

Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, to reaffirm its guidelines on picketing to

guidelines on picketing to affiliated unions.

In a letter to Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, Mr Prior spoke of the "widespread public concern" over mass picketing and blockading, but in a reply Mr Murray said the amendments, to the Employment Bill were "yet another highly dangerous see of prohighly dangerous set of proposals to curb workers' rights and trade union safeguards. This unfortunately makes the chances of fruitful cooperation between the TUC and the Government more remote.". Our Labour Editor writes: Trade union leaders meet today to discuss a counter-offensive to the Government's proposal to curtail trade union immunities for secondary strikes and blacking during industrial disputes.

The TUC employment policy and organization committee, which has alctady launchted a campaign seainst the milder provisions of the Employment Bill already before Parliament, is expected to redouble its

opposition. Mr Murray, said last night that the unions would "press the Government not to proceed with these dengerous proposals and get round the table with

By Our Labour Staff lems of inflation, unemploy
The TUC last night brushed ment and industrial relations"
aside the call by Mr James In his statement, Mr Murray In his statement, Mr Murray said: "Under pressure from their wilder supporters, the Government are now intending

to slap yet more stringent legal curbs on workers and unions. They would be spending their time better helping to resolve the steel dispute. . "It is entirely bogus for the Government to claim they are clarifying the law. The House Lords has already done that three very recent judgments.

"They are attacking the fun-damental safeguards of workers and their unions, creating con-ditions in which no one can be sure what the law in disputes will be, and pushing employers and unions further into the quagmire of complex legal argument and litigation while disputes drag on.

An even stronger response came from Mr Kenneth Gill, general secretary of the tech-nical and supervisory staff sec-tion of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, who

*Despite their muck-publi-cized differences Mr Prior and his Cabinet colleagues all aim to restrict local trade union action to the point where it is ineffective". Our Industrial Editor writes: Private sector steel producers in the steel strike yesterday condemned the Prior proposals as "unterly useless".

and electricity industries.

Mr Ronald Keating, assistant general secretary of NUPE, said last night: "I think that a strike is unlikely at the end

Water men to get fresh pay offer

By David Felton Labour Reporter

An improved pay offer will be made to unions in the water and sewerage industry tomorrow in an attempt to avert a national strike due to start on Monday.

in union circles last night that the improved offer would be sufficient to stop the strike by more than 20,000 manual workers. The new offer was outlined to union leaders by the National Water Council, the employers' organization, at a secret meeting earlier this

There was cautious optimism

The employers' 19.2 per cent offer, made earlier this month Was recommended by the union leadership but rejected by a delegate conference of the General and Municipal

Workers' Union
The three other unions in The three other unions in the industry are consulting their members on the offer, and returns from the 8,000 members of the National Union of Public Employees indicate that they are more or less evenly split. The results will be known today, as will the outcome of voting in the agricultural workers' and transport workers' unions. port workers' unions.

A new pay offer was a prerequisite for the unions taking part in negotiations with the employers tomorrow, and although neither side would last night specify details of the offer it is likely to centre on the timing of payments to the water workers for parity with manual employees in the gas

of the day, although one could

BL Cars executive says strike vote today could determine fate of Austin Morris

By Clifford Webb Midlands Industrial Correspondent

On the eve of today's mass meeting of 17,000 BL Long-bridger workers to vote on a strike recommendation, Mr Ray Horrocks, managing direc-tor of BL Cars, said last night: "Austin Morris cannot face an extended strike at Longbridge over this or any other issue. A decision to strike is likely to determine the fate of Austin

Morris as a whole,". The meeting has been called to vote on an Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' recommendation for official strike action to secure the reinstarement of Mr Derck Robinson, the dismissed shop stewards' leader.

Yesterday Mr Horrocks, accompanied by Mr Harold Musgrove, Austin Morris's Musgrove, Austin Morris's managing director, toured the

mayed that an issue between the company and the AUEW and been extended to include all the other unions at Longbridge.

"It is generally recognized that the AUEW members at Longbridge are not prepared to support strike action. Mr Horrocks said. "It is now apparent that there is a danger that the AUEW might lose control of the situation and there is a risk that members' views will not be properly

"There is a groundswell at Loughridge; employees want to work. The company urges those people who feel strongly about this to make their feelings clear at the mass meeting. From an employment point of view it is viral that they do so. "The top priority is to save

are to bounch the Mini Metro meeting and reports that a in November then all rebel group of engineering employees should know it can union members wanted to boy.

Yesterday Mr Horrocks un-expectedly offered facilities inside Longbridge for today's mass meeting. He extended the offer to Mr Robinson who has been barred from all BL premises since his dismissal on November 19. The offer, which would not

have involved any loss of pay, was quickly rejected by local officials of the engineering union who have called the meeting. They insisted that it should go ahead as planned at on playing fields adjoining the plant.

intimidation by large numbers

plant speaking to workers, jobs by securing thep rofitable of outsiders who were reported to be planning to infiltrate the Atterwards he said he was dissurvival of Austin Morris. If we need to be planning to infiltrate the matter and reports that

only be done by staying at cott the meeting and march into work as usual. night to persuade the rebels, believed to comprise nearly half the 6,000 engineering members at Longbridge, to attend the meeting and vote

against the strike. However all the indications point to a strike, with the issue being settled not by members of Mr Robinson's union but those of the more militant Transport and General Workers' Union, the largest in

the factory. Last night Mr Brian lathers, Midlands regional Mr Brian Mathers, secretary of the transport union, said: "If the workers

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will be made for two reasons; fears of vote for a strike it will be made for two reasons; fears of officially backed by my union.

500 London police for Sheerness

All leave in he Kent police All leave in he kent police force area was cancelled yesterday and about 500 London police officers will be sent to Sheerness today as a result of the claim by picket leaders that up to 2,000 steel workers and miners will descend on the Sheerness Steel Company, on the Isle of Sheprey. the Isle of Sheppey.

Mr Alan Cook, one of the advance picket organizers at Sheerness, said coachinads of steel workers and miners were travelling through the night from Yorkshire, Scotland, the Midlands and south Wales to the Canadian-owned steel plant, the only private sector firm that has worked throughout the steel strike.

"We are expecting up to 2,000

are expected to be among the mass picket in the biggest demonstration of its kind that

A counter march by steel workers' wives and townspeople is also planned, amid fears that it could belp to lead to violent scenes in a town that waits nervously for today's events.

Mr Cook said the pickets were prepared to stay on if necessary to stop the steel plant working. "We intend shutting them down", he said.

But he appealed to the workers' wives, who in some cases have demonstrated outside the plant with their children by them in recent days, to stay

"We are not looking for vio-lence," he said. "We do not want it. But where there is a

massive crowd you can get a crush and someone could get seriously hurt."

As tension rose in the town, Mr Michael Gibson, Assistant Chief Constable of Kent, ap-pealed to the wives to "play it cool" and said he hoped the picker would be peaceful. "We neither expect, want, nor are looking for trouble,"

he said. Kent police units trained in crowd control will be in Sheer-ness and Mr Gibson, while refusing to say how many police wil be available, said he had arrangements with sur-rounding forces for assistance

if needed. Police preparations came as the defiant steel workers at the Sheerness company rejected a plea from two senior union officials to join the strike.

Steel rise of 20% as the price of peace

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor Union leaders of more than 100,000 striking steel workers and blastfurnacemen last night approved a new draft agreement on pay and productivity to put to the British Steel Corporation in two days' time.

The unions price for an end to the strike, now in its eighth week is understood to be a rise of about 20 per cent, but the two unions that started the strike are thought to be pre-pared to accept a phasing of

wage increases.
Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel
Trades Confederation, welcomed the Government's reported intention to retire early Sir Charles Villiers, the BSC chairman, but poured cold water on the suggestion that an American or European industrialist should step into his

shoes.
"There are people in British Steel and others in the United Kingdom capable of taking that chairmanship", he said. The ISTC leader read out

telegrams from two private sector firms and the Teesside hamber of Commerce, calling for an early settlement, as evidence that the strike was beginning to affect industry Arthur Osman writes from Brmingham: Employees' repre-sentatives on the private-sector wages board in the West Midlands yesterday asked the ISTC executive to support their claim for a 25 per cent increase. They also sought a seven-day ultimatum of strike action to be

Employers give grudging welcome to proposals

By Patricia Tisdail

Management Correspondent

Employers gave a grudging welcome to the Government's proposals to curb secondary industrial disruption last night.

Thinings were colded to business", when applied to second parties in a dispute, offer loopholes

Some ABCC members also fear that the proposals give unions undue scope for artifications. Opinions were split between those who advocate a gradual approach to trade union immu-nities an dothers who want

radical changes at once. There was some disappoint-ment at the Association of British Chambers of Commerce and the Institute of Directors that there was no provision for companies to sue unions rather than individuals and to seek recompense from union funds. The ABCC is to consult its 84 member chambers before making a formal response to the proposals. Among the other aspects it will consider will be the inclusion of immunity to main customers and suppliers.
One view is that phrases such

business", when applied to second parties in a dispute,

unions undue scope for artifi-cially creating disputes which technically relate to contracts of employment, to give sym-pathetic support to fellow trade unionists in a different company.

Although individual members
increasingly

are becoming increasingly angry about secondary disrup-tion in the steel strike, the Confederation of British Industry's collective policy continues to be moderate. The CBI yesterday described the yesterday described the question of trade union immunities as complex and said: "It therefore right that Government should limit its present proposals to deal with the immediate situation and then proceed by consultation and consensus." as "a substantial part of their and consensus"

Text of Cabinet proposals on secondary industrial action

Night talks held to seek end to docks dispute

By Our Labour Staff Talks were going on late last night to resolve the week-long strike which has brought the Port of London to a standstill. Negotiators were hoping that a new pay offer could be agreed and put to union members this morning.

The strike by more than 1,500 members of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union is over a 30 per

and members of the other dockers' union, the Transport and General Workers' Union, who are demanding a 40 per cent increase, have refused to ross NASDU picket lines. No traffic has been moving through London's docks or handled on the riverside wharves, and the dispute has cost the Port of London thou-sands of pounds in lost charges

from customers who have been diverting ships to other British

TUC leaders veto Welsh 'general strike' talks By Our Labour Staff the Chancellor of Exchequer

State industry union leaders yesterday told the Wales TUC not to go ahead with plans for a special conference on February 27 at which calls for a general strike in the principa-lity had been expected. The TUC Nationalized Indusries Committee at a meeting attended by Mr George Hright, general secretary of the Wales TUC, made clear its view that

such a conference would not be appropriate on a day when the TUC General Council would be discussing the steel closures and related issues. The general council meeting will hear a full report of discussions between the steel cor-poration and the steel unions in

urging the Government to lift the deadline on steel closures and to soften the impact of BSC strategy. Tim Jones writes from Cardiff :

South Wates miners were warned yesterday they could do irreparable damage to their industry if they decide today to mount authout strike action from Monday. The warning came from Mr Philip Weekes, area director of the National dustrial action by the 27,000 union men would be "the worst of all possible choices".

Miners' leaders in South Wales have been mandated to call industrial action against the

the wake of their correspon-British Steel Corporation's plans | delivered to the management dence with Sir Geoffrey Howe, to run down the steel industry Restoring employers' normal rights

being drawn. He made clear that it was not clear-cut, but that efforts were being made to get maximum clarity into the

Once consultation with the TUC and the CBI and other In-TUC and the CBI and other la-terested parties is complete by the end of next month, the Government will incorporate this proposal into the Employ-ment Bill now proceeding through the Commons. The Bill already includes

provisions outlawing secondary picketing except at a person's place of work; the new pro-posal would deal with secondary "blacking" and strikes which

defined by the House of Lords he has any commercial concern in reversing judgments by Lord in that dispute and its out-Denning and his colleagues in the Court of Appeal.

The Government's working paper purports only to repeal reforms the Labour Government made in 1974 and 1976. It notes in passing that it had appeared for a time as if Lord Denning's original judgment might do the

(or business) whose contractual arrangements are thereby inter-fered with may be from the party to the 'trade dispute' whose interests the 'blacking'

It is that that the Government cannot allow to continue. It seeks instead to restore "normal rights" to employers, but goes somewhat farther than simple repeal.

simple repeal.

The paper proposes another "objective" test which judges would be bound to apply in future suits by aggrieved employers, namely that "first suplied, first customer" immunity for unions would apply only where such employers "regularly conduct a substantial part of their business" with the party in dispute.

NOON TODAY

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secondary industrial action, published resterday, stated: secondary industrial action in furtherance of a trade dispute can severely curtail the freedom of people who are not concerned in the dispute to carry on their husiness and for that purpose to have free access to or from their place of work and to their customers and suppliers. Those so damaged are barred from exerciing their normal rights to seek redress in the courts against such interference by the immunities given to those pursuing industrial action by the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 (TULRA) as umended by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Act 1976 tions (Amendment) Act 1976. 2. The Government have the law on immunities under review. They have already consulted on the appropriate limitation of the immunities in relation to secondary picketing and have made provision for this in Clause 14 of the Employment Bill. In the Government's view recent interpreration and application of the law, notably by the House of Lords in the case of Express Newspapers v MacShane, demonstrate the need for immediate amendment

also of the law on immunities as it applies to other secondary in-dustrial action, such as blacking. dustrial action, such as blacking.
THE STATUTORY PROVISION
3. It is Section 13 of the 1974
Act (as amended by the 1976
Act) which provides immunity for
a person from being sued for acts
done in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute which induce or threaten a breach of contract. This is of great importance
to trade unionists, because almost
any industrial action involves a
person, usually a trade union any industrial action involves a person, usually a trade union official, inducing others to break their contracts of employment; and without some immunity in respect of that such a person would be at risk of being sued every time he called or threatened a strike. It is, however, of equally great importance to everyone else, because the effect of the immunity is to remove from those persons who are damaged those persons who are damaged by that action the right that they would otherwise have to obtain from the court such redress as

may be appropriate to the dam-age being suffered.

4. The practical effect of the operation of the immunity should be made clear. First, people who sue union officials for inducing breaches of contract are not usu-ally concerned with getting damages. They want the action complained of stopped at once by an order from the court. It is umsual for legal proceedings to be pursued to a final order for damages. Even if damages are damages. Even if damages are sought, there is a duty in law to do all that reasonably can be done to mitigate the loss that has been suffered and damages will be awarded only for loss which could not reasonably have been avoided. Secondly, the courts will not nor normalls group an injunction or inmally grant an injunction or interdict unless serious loss is being suffered which cannot be com-

pensated for in money. 5. The scope of the immunity given by Section 13 for acts "In contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute " was extended sub-stantially in 1976. Before that (save for the period of operation of the Industrial Relations Act from 1972-1974) Section 3 of the Trade Disputes Act 1906, and sub-sequently Section 13 of the 1974 Act, provided immunity only for inducement of breaches of contracts of employment. However, the 1974 Act (Section 13(3)) was designed to establish on a statu-tor; basis, a wider immunity in certain cases. For instance, it crabled a person to induce em-ployees to break their contracts of



Mr Prior: "Law on immunities needs amending."

employment as a means indirectly, and without legal liability, of preventing their employer from performing a commercial contract.

6. In 1976 the immunity was extended to inducing breaches of all contracts, whether directly or indirectly. From then on the union official (or others) could safely interfere with any contract provided he did so "in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute"—and in such case neither party to the commerct had any remedy against him, however great the damage suffered. If anyone else did such damage to them they would have common law rights to take proceedings against him; but these common law rights; were completely removed if the damage was inflicted by a union official (or others) "in concemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute".

7. The Conservative Party as HM Opposition in Parliament fought vigorously against the extensions proposed in 1974 and made then and in 1976 on the ground that the resulting scope of the immunity given would be unnecessarily and dangerously wide. It was unnecessarily wide for trade union officials doing their job of protecting the interests of their members in a dispute; and it was dangerously wide for trade union officials doing their common law rights to protect themselves against industrial action taken against them when they were not parties to the trade dispute.

THE CURRENT POSITION

8. However, in a number of employment as a means indirectly.

THE CURRENT POSITION 8. However, in a number of cases decided in 1978 and 1979 the Court of Appeal held that the industrial action in question had not been taken "in furtherance of a trade dispute" and therefore did not qualify for immunity under Section 13, even as extended in 1974 and 1976. For a time it appeared, therefore, that the extent of the immunity might be governed by the application of extent of the immunity might be governed by the application of tests, such as wheher the action taken was too far removed from the original dispute or too lacking in effect or pursued for too extraneous a motive to be reason-able regarded as furtherism the extraneous a motive to be reasonably regarded as furthering the dispute. By these tests action " in furtherance " had to be reasonably closely related to the original dispute and the way the tests were applied by the Court of Appeal in the cases which came before them suggested that, although the immunity would extend to action immunity would extend to action taken to interfere with performance of a contract by the first supplier or customer of the party in dispute, it would not go far beyond that. 9. There were some hopes, par-

ticularly following the decision of the Court of Appeal in the MacShale case, that this develop-

ment might afford a basis for consensus on the extent of immunity, provided that the immunity for secondary picketing was stantorily restricted because of its special connotations for public order. Since the Government would much prefer to proceed in these matters by consensus, it was felt that further consideration must await the decision of the House of Lords in the case of MacShane.

10. That decision was given in

10. That decision was given in December 1979. Their Lordships found that, under the existing statutes, the test of what is "in futherance of a trade dispute" is futherance of a trade dispute " is wholly subjective, that is, it depends on whether the person taking the action honestly believes that it will further the cause of those taking part in the dispute. The effect of their judgments seems to be that Section 13 is to be interpreted and applied as conferring immunity in every case in which, for example, "blacking" is undertaken in the belief that it will in some way further an imminent or existing " trade dispute". Thus, so long as there is such a belief it does not seem to marter how remote the person (or business) whose contractural arrangements are thereby interfered with may be from the party to the ments are thereby interfered with may be from the party to the "trade dispute" whose interests the "blacking" is intended to attack or whether he has any commercial concern in that dispute and its outcome. That this is the current position has been confirmed by their Lordships' more recent judgments in the case of Duport Steels v Sirs. In short, the lears expressed in 1974 and 1976. fears expressed in 1974 and 1976 about the virtually unlimited ex-tent of the immunity which would result from the changes then made have been shown by the Lords' judgments to be fully justified.

THE GOVERNMENTS

PROPOSAL

11. It is the view of the Government that this position cannot be allowed to continue and that the law must be amended so as to restore a more widely accept-able balance of interests. In short, there must be restored to many of those who were deprived of such rights in 1974 and 1976 their ribts at common law to seek the protection of the courts against any who interfere unwarrantably in their business affaire.

affairs. 12. Because of its special significance in the context of public order (so well illustrated by recent events), the Government included provisions as to second-ary picketing in its Employment Bill presented to Parliament last December. Whatever else may be shown to be required to deal with abuses of picketing, what is now

their rights at law to protect themselves—so that provisions to secure that may also be included in the Bill.

13. One course would be to adopt by statute the approach which the Court of Appeal sought to adopt, that is, by prescribing general tests of the kind suggested by the Court of Appeal, but this time by statute—tests which would then be applied objectively by the courts when called upon to decide in any particular case whether the action in question fell within Section 13 or not. The Government do not believe, however, that this approach on its own that this approach on its own would be sufficiently clear. People need to know with greater cer-tainty than that when and in what circumstances they are to be deprived of their rights to protect

temselves.

14. The Government therefore propose that the existing legisla-tion should be amended so as to achieve those objectives by a comthe claimed in respect of any indus-claimed in respect of any indus-

trial action: and
(b) restoring to parties damaged
in the circumstances to be
indentified in the Bill their
rights to bring civil proceedings
to protect themselves from
interference with commercial
contracts by means of secondary
industrial action.

industrial action.

(a) General tests
15. In future, in order to attract immunity under Section 13, any industrial action taken by employees in a trade dispute would first need to satisfy two tests. The action taken would need (a) to be reasonably capable of furthering the trade dispute in question and (b) to be taken predominantly in pursuit of that trade dispute and not principally for some extraneous motive. In the case of any industrial action which failed to satisfy these tests, those damaged thereby would be free to exercise their normal rights to seek an order from the courts making the person inducing the action stop it or pay damaged appropriate to the harm suffered. In these circumstances this would apply in relation to inducements apply in relation to inducements to break or interfere with any contract, whether a commercial contract or a contract of employ-

restored
16. These two tests of capability
and motive are not sufficient on their own to get more reasonable limits to secondary industrial action. Even if both tests were mer. some secondary action is clearly noo remote from the original dispute to justify depriving those who are damaged by it of their right to obtain redress in the courts. So, in addition to these two general tests, it is proposed that persons should be tree to bring civil proceedings for any interference with their commercial contracts if this arose from secondary industrial action which took place beyond bounds that would be set in statute.

17. These bounds would be set as follows. Where the indutement to break or interfere with any their own to get more reasonable funits to secondary industrial

(b) Those whose rights would be

to break or interfere with any commercial contract aruse in con-nexion with industrial action, nexion with industrial action, threatened or actual, taken in furtherance of a trade dispute by employees of the employer in dispute, the person inducing the breach or interference would continue to have formunity under ection 13. In the case of such the property across " you one whose "primary action", no one whose commercial contracts suffered as a result would be able to obtain redress in the courts.

restore to those wito may otherwise be damaged (sometimes gravely) by other forms of secondary action, e.g.; blacking, their rights at law to process. or customers of the employer in dispute who were not themselves party to the dispute but who regularly conduct a substantial part of their business with such a party. These particular first suppliers and customers may be said to be commercially affected by the outcome of the dispute and there would continue to be immunity under Section 13 for a person to induce a breach of or interfere with any commercial or interfere with any commercial contract through secondary action by their employees in furtherance of the trade dispute in question—

by their employees in furtherance of the trade dispute in question—provided, of course, that the tests of capability and motive were satisfied, if that were so, no one whose commercial contracts suffered as a result of such secondary action would be able to obtain redress in the courts.

19. But there the immunity for secondary action which interfered with commercial contracts would end. So, if a person were, in furtherance of the original made dispute, to induce a breach of or interfere with any commercial contract through secondary action, threatened or actual, taken by employees of anyone who was neither a party to that dispute nor a first supplier or customer (as defined in paragraph 18 above) of such a party, then the parties to that commercial contract would be free to evercise their normal rights to seek redress in the courts for such interference. This would be the case even if the secondary action in question satisfied the tests of capability and motive. The inducement would have passed beyond the area in which secondary industrial action would have immunity and anyone whose commercial contract was interfered with as a result would be have immunity and anyone whose commercial contract was interfered with as a result would be free to exercise such common law rights as he had to seek redress appropriate to the damage sustained. For all such people their normal rights to seek legal protection would be restored.

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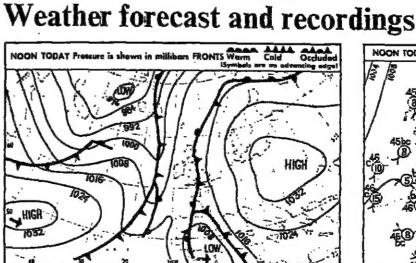
20. It will be clear that the proposal is to restore these rights where the inducement is to break or interfere with a commercial contract. Inducements to break only contracts of employment in furtherance of a trade dispute would continue to attract immunity—provided that the general tests of "in furtherance" were satisfied. This would be so wherever the secondary action in furtherance of the original dispute was taken, even if it were beyond the bounds set by paragraph 18 the bounds set by paragraph 18 above. Where the breach of emabove. Where the breach of em-ployment contract took place within those bounds, there would continue to be immunity under Section 13 even if it interfered

with a commercial contract.
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place outside those bounds, anyone whose commercial contract
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rights to seek redress in the courts. CONSULTATIONS 21. Comments are invited on these proposals, to which the Government would intend to give effect by amendment of Section 13 of the 1974 Act las amended by the 1976 Act). These are complex issues and the Government wish to have the views of em-ployers and unions before introducing the necessary amendments to the Employment Bill currently before Parliament. The Govern-ment's general review of the law ment's general review of the law on trade union immunities for industrial action will continue and the Government intend to publish a Green Paper later this year, so that there may be informed public debate of the whole subject.

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necessary jnb. But the House of Lords made clear that "it does not seemto matter how remote the person



Today Sum rises : 7,07 am Muon rises Sun sets: 5,23 pm Moon sets 9,19 am 11.01 pm First quarter: February 23. Lighting up: 5.53 pm to 6.35 am. High water: London Bridge, 4.26 am, 7.6m; 4.57 pm, 7.5m. Aven-mouth, 10.09 am, 13.9m; 10.25 pm, 13.2m. Dover. 1.26 am. 7.0m; 13.2m. Dover. 1.26 am. 7.0m; 1.49 pm. 6.7m. Hull, 9.01 am, 7.5m; 9.08 pm, 7.8m. Liverpool. 1.50 am. 9.6m; 2.08 pm, 9.8m. 1tt=0.3048m.

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max temp 7" or 8"C (45) or 46"F).

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Scotland: Cloudy with outbreaks
of rain, becoming brighter and
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light; max temp 7"C (45"F). Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Argyni, 8M Scottand, Northern Ireland: Mostly dry, some bright or sunny periods: more especially later, misty at first, Wind variable or SW light: max temp 7°C (45°F); frost in a few places at

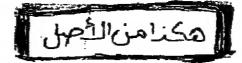
Orkney, Shetlands : Dull, with hill and coastal log and occasional rain; drier later. Wind S moder-ate. Max temp 5°C (43°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Some rain in most places but also drier and brighter inter-ludes; windy in NW; becoming colder generally with night frost

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Inquiry into nuclear test drilling in Ayrshire opens to an objector's shout of 'farce'

There was an abrasive start vesterday to the public inquiry into the proposal to drill holes in Mullwharcher Hill, Ayrshire, as part of a nuclear research patiently as possible to their

Mr William Campbell, the reporter, had hardly declared the hearing open in Ayr town hall, when an objector shouted that the inquiry was a farce and an offence to natural justice.

The man was protesting at thenarrow remit of the inquiry which is into an application by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to make test bores in the granite of the hill and to set up a few temporary

The counsel for the two local authorities opposing the appli-cation, the kyle and Carrick and the Cumnock and Doon

wide variety of arguments but he said the scope of the inquiry concerned boreholes and huts. No one would be prevented from calling evidence about the disposal of nuclear waste but the further their points ranged from the main scope of the inquiry, the more they could expect to be summarized in his report.

A businessman from Edinburgh, representing "the people of Scotland", objected to the dumping of nuclear fission waste but did not intend to sit around in Ayr for weeks. He made his point and left. Mrs Marjorie Linklater, of he Orkney "no uranium"

rom Ronald Faux
reserving their position over campaign, said the report after
the restrictions placed on Mr an examination in public in
There was an abrasive start
Campbell by the Secretary of Orkney of their objections had been most partial, and heavily weighted against the feelings of the local authorities and the people". Mr Camp-bell conducted the Orkney

inquiry. Mr William Scott, Under Secretary at the Scottish Development Department, dealing with policy on nuclear waste management, told the inquiry that no decision had taken on whether highlevel radioactive waste would ever be dispose dof underground. Given the scope of

research programme and the length of time likely to be required to carry it out, it would be at least 10 years before a decision was made on likely sites for a repository.

The inquiry is likely to last several weeks



By Pearce Wright Science Editor

sea than many other materials certain hypotheses about accitransported by ship as a matter of routine, according to
British Nuclear Fuels Ltd.

The company expresses that uble. view in a reply to a study made for the Greenpeace Toundation by The Survey undertaken for the Greenpeace Foundation by the Political Ecology Research hazards of handling nuclear waste cargoes, and in particular to the potential severity tion could result from a fireular to the potential severity tion could result from a fire of a release of radioactivity

from a fire on a ship. British Nuclear Fuels maintains that the principal line of s. Other precautions avoid the fetched.
hazards attributed by Green- It sats that as the nuclear peace to transport by sea, the waste vessels carry no flamm-company says. The complaints able cargo and have only fuel about the vessel Pacific Swan oil on board, an outbreak of which carries nuclear waste fire is a remote risk. from Japan to Barrow, are

That observation exposes the

The survey undertaken for spreading to a ship's cargo holds. The contamination would be

released into the atmosphere defence against an accidental because fire-fighting equipment release of radioactivity lies in on board, or a land-based sertle inherent safety of the flasks, which are designed to meet standards agreed by a group of international expert.

The company regards that group of international experts the company regards that group of international experts.

There is a limited supply of based on a totally unrealistic air to the holds and fuel oil is sequence of events, it is carried in several separate claimed.

The suggestion of a nuclear ience Editor fundamental gulf between sup- waste flask reaching a tem-Waste nuclear fuel is a less porters and opponents of nu- perature of 11,010°C provoking gardous cargo to carry by clear power, because there are catastrophic failure, in a nine-

bility.

Although British Nuclear
Fuels believes that the flasks
are designed to be safe in all
credible circumstance, additional precautions and special features are being incorporated in the cargo ships to increase safety. They include collision protection shields, duplication of navigation equipment, satellite communication systems, and the communication systems, and the communication systems. special fire-fighting equipment and emergency hold flooding. Our Whitehave Correspondent writes: The atomic dumping site at Drigg, west Cumbria, has become one of the best unofficial wildlife sanctuaries

in the country, British Nuclear Fuels says.
Animals including badgers and foxes, and rare reptiles and birds are thriving on the site, even though low-level radioactive waste from Winds-

cale a few miles away has been dumped there for 30 years. Sites for nuclear stations.

Extra water 'vital to Windscale plant'

From Our Correspondent

Whitehaven
Plans for a multimillionpound reprocessing plant at the Windscale nuclear complex willb e in jeopardy unless extra water is made available, extra water is made available, it was claimed yesterday.

Mr John Wharton, British Nuclear Fuels's deputy chief engineer, told the two lakes inquiry in whitehaven that unless the compan; y could be guaranteed the extra water needed for the thermal oxide

the expansion could begin.

Water for use at the plant. Yesterday, the twenty-second day of the hearing, two scientists representing the company described the quality of water needed at the plant. Dr Raymond Shaw, head of

the corrosion section at Windscale, described the corrosion behaviour of water on stanin-

Mr Cyril Dome, station che-

pany's need for high quality water from Wast Water for

reprocessing plant the develop- less steel, used to contain the past 28 years and was very ment might not go shead.

He said they had to be sure and the importance of various. The inquiry continues.

South-east house prices widen cost-of-living gap

By David Nicholson-Lord The cost of living gap between the south-east and the rest of the country continues to widen, higher house price rises heing largely to blame, accord-ing to a report published yes-

terday.

The latest inflation bulletin from Reward Regional Surveys, of Staffordshire, shows that life in the South-east is 11.8 per cent more expensive than the regional average, including the Greater London area, compared with 9.9 per cent last year. The gan has increased steadily from a low point of 6.4 per cent in 1977.

Without housing costs, where the South-east is balf as costly again as the average, the gap narrows to half a percentage

best-off and the worst-off are managing to maintain their standard of living most successfully. Because of tax-cuts families in the highest income bracket need 9.6 per cent less income, while council tenants' "required income" rise is 15.6 per cent. comparing favourably with the average earnings

index.

The survey also points to the increased provision of company cars. The most popular models, it says, are British.

A restricted day GLC lottery will for Vikings help to

The organizers of the Vikings exhibition at the British Aluseum have warned the public to stay away on Monday mornings because that time is reserved for school parties.

The organizers said yesterday that hundreds of people had turned up on Monday to see the exhibition and found that only school groups were being only school groups were being admitted. More than 20.000 people have visited the exhibition, which continues until July

Athina B at the breakers

The Athina B, the wrecked Greek coaster which became a tourist attraction at Erighton, arrived at a breakers yard at Rainham, Kent, vesterday. The ship was refloated from Brighton beach on Sunday, but ran aground again 300 yards from her destination on Monday while being towed in the Medway. Three tugs dislodged her from a mudbank.

Murder charge

Brian Tailby, aged 46, a pro-cess worker, of Valda Vale, Immingham, Humberside, was remanded in custody for a week by Grimsby magistrates yester-day charged with the murder of his daughter, Collette, aged 12. on February 4.

Family dies in crash

A boy aged two and his parents were found dead yesterday in the wrecked cab of an articulated lorry which overturned at Barton Mills. Sufficiently the variety folk. They are believed to have come from Wales.

Prices remain highest in Northern Ireland and lowest in the North. Yorkshire and Humberside and the East Mid-lands are the cheapest places to live. The cheapest towns are Grimsby, Sheffield and Don-

The report concludes that the

save heritage

By Our Local Government Correspondent The Greater London Council

is to set up a trust to help to preserve and safeguard London's historic buildings, it announced yesterday. A grant of £50,000 will come largely from proceeds of the GLC lottery, and another £50,000 is promised over the next five

The Heritage of London Trust will be largely independent of the council, making restoration and maintenance grants to owners and may also buy listed buildings needing repair. It will renovate them then sell them, a function not normally undertaken by local

authorities. Trust members will include Lord Reilly, an advisory mem-ber of the GLC historic buildings committee and chairman late Mr Anthony Crosland at the Department of the Environof the Building Conservation

Trust.
Mr William Bell, chairman of the historic buildings commit-tee, who suggested a trust, said: "In helping to preserve the capital's heritage the trust will be of enormous benefit both to London and the country. It will not just be a campaigning body. It will select projects and carefully supervise

the use of its funds". He said the trust, with charitable status, would be funded by subscriptions and would also raise money from the public and from London's

industry and commerce. Mr Bell hoped it would look at London's churches. In addition the trust should be able to

all their water requirements impurities in water in stopping could be met before plans for corrosion.

The company is applying to mist at the plant, dealt with take extra water from Wast the analysis of water samples Water for use at the plant. explained the present and intended methods of obtaining demineralized water.

Both emphasized the com-

use at the plant.
Dr Shaw said the compafy had been using Wast Water for

The Law Society defends its insurance scheme

The Law Society argued in the High Court yesterday that it had acted conscientiously in setting up a compulsory scheme. to insure solicitors against civil liability for professional negligence or breach of duty.

Mr Robert Alexander, QC. for the Law Society, told Mr Justice Slade that a complaint that the Law Society had exceeded its legal powers in setting up the scheme was a by-product of the discontent felt b ysome solicitors.

Mr Alexander was replying to ubmissions on behalf of two solicitors who are seeking a declaration that the indemnity scheme does not comply with rules made under the Solicitors Act, 194, and is null and vold. Mr James Swain, who practises from Staple Inn, London, and Mr Alan McLaren, of Burnhamon-Sea, Somerset, are also asking the judge to decide whether or not the Law Society is entitled to retain, for its own purposes, brokers' commission received from the insurers on premiums paid by solicitors. The hearing continues today, the number of staff needed to evidence to encourage any hope

By Peter Hennessy
The Fabian Society has appointed a study group to find ways in which a future Labour

government could implement its policies more effectively by

changing its relationship with Parliament and the Civil Ser-

The chairman of the Machinery of Government Working Party, as the group is officially known, is Mr David Lipsey, a journalist with the magazine New Society, a former special advisor to the

a former special adviser to the

ment and the Foreign and Com-monwealth Office, and a former member of Mr James Cal-laghan's Policy Unit at 10 Down-

ing Street.
"What we have decided to

do". Mr Lipsey explained in the language of the professional economist, "is to start on the

perfect competition cosump

tion that a Labour government

is returned at the next election

policies is not for us to deter-

mine. Our remit is to decide, in

the light of the experience of the last Labour government,

what if any changes in the machinery of central govern-ment are necessary to bring

those policies about in an

optimal way."
The idea of the working

How it comes by those

with 'perfect' policies.

about serious injustices caused by errors in handling tax returns, for which there is either no remedy or only an inadequate one. He believes the Inland Revenue should acknow-

meet them. Mr Clothier is especially concerned about demands for tax arrears which accumulate through official error. "I was disturbed by the out-

come of my investigation into a case where I criticized gross error on the Inland Revenue's part, but had to report that they offered what I considered an inadequate remedy. On review... I found that out of 120 cases 86 were pensioners and in 79 cases the errors in-volved failure to make proper coding arrangements." coding arrangements."

Mr Clothier said he was

Seven hurt

in house

explosion

From Our Correspondent Wakefield

Seven people were taken to bospital yesterday after an explosion wrecked a three-storey bouse in Wakefield, West York-

shire. One resident, a nurse, aged 29, was trapped under debris for 80 minutes.

Miss Dorothy Gomerson, the nurse, was in bed at the time of the blast and she and her bed

fell through the floor into the basement. A door acted as a

The income cax authorities

ere taken to task by Mr Cecil Clothier, QC, the Parliamentary

Commissioner for Administra-tion (Ombudsman) in his annual report published yester-

ledge its responsibilities and

says he is concerned

By Trevor Fishlock

Ombudsman is concerned

pleased that more cooperation between the tax authorities and the Department of Health and Social Security should reduce the number of errors made in coding. But he questioned the validity of the Inland Revenue's presumption that the taxpayer was able to ac could reasonably believe this third of them.

The care of the mentally handicaped, 48,000 of whom are

today. In a report criticizing the Jay

committee recommendations as totally unrealistic and likely to

lead to a serious deterioration

in the care of patients, the union says that the committee had hopelessly underestimated

in hospitals, is in jeopardy it says.

from proposals for change The made by a government investigating committee, the Confederation of Health Service care an says staff in the confederation of Health Service care an says staff in the confederation of Health Service care an articles.

Ey John Roper Health Services

by tax officials' errors his affairs were in order" and so not qualify for remission.

a small gap dug in the wreckage by a fireman and two policemen. A policeman said: "While we

A policeman said: Wille we were working to free her she chatted to us and never grumbled. She was really mar-

Window frames were blown

60 yards from the wrecked house and clothing was blown

into rees. Two people walking past were cut by flying glass and were among the seven taken

Miss Gomerson was detained with head and back injuries.

Two other casualties were also

detained but the rest were dis-

charged after treatment.
The house, in Leeds Road,

A policeman said:

"It is not easy for the average taxpayer to understand, let alone check in detail, the assess-ment he receives. I feel people have a right to expect the Inland Revenue, if properly informed by the taxpayer, not to make mistakes."

The Ombudsman says he is disturbed that in certain cases there still remains no remis-sion for those whose affairs are badly handled by the Inland Revenue, even where error is acknowledged.

The tax authorities are sometimes prepared to make ex gratia payments in hardship cases fulling outside agreed guidelines. Mr Clothier says; but only in cases of "absolute hardship".

On this point he writes: " do not accept that there is any such state as absolute hardship. Al hardship is relative to cir-cumstances."

Mr Clothier, the first Ombudsman appointed from outside the public service, feels that he could handle more cases and cover a wider territory.
The 758 complaints he

received during the year were a two-fifths reruction on the number he had in 1978. Under the terms o fhis jurisdiction be was able to accept less than a

mentally handicapped patients,

The committee's report, which recommended a shift

care and changes in trained staff needed to look after patients, would be far most costly to operate than was thought, the union says. The proposals represented a

pettern of care which involved a terrible gamble on the future

of the mentally handicapped. There was no detailed research

in the house's basement was found with the skin on part of his face and the backs of his hands blown off. As they worked rescuers feared that the shell of the house might collapse. But they Two injured

had windows blown our and wails cracked. The explosion, just after 8 am, brought residents into the street in their night clothes.

One of the first policemen

on the scene found two men

balancing precariously on the edge of one of the upstairs floors. They were later res-

cued by firemen.
One of the people who lived

Dangling window frames and a large gap where a house once stood in Leeds Road, Wakefield, before yesterday's

shield and prevented debris fall-ing on her.

She was brought out through a small gap dug in the wreckage by a fireman and two policemen.

was the middle one of three and had been converted into seven flats. It was largely des-troyed and those on either side had windows blown out and

By a Staff Reporter

yesterday. Mr Joseph Rabstein, aged 63, and Mr Emanuel Rabstein, aged 51, his cousin, were attacked by three men in a hired white

Transit van as they left the 9.30 am. A traffic warden was dragged into the struggle and a shot fired in the air before the gang bundled the elder of the cousins into the van and escaped.

afternoon

for heart in street gems raid

A gang armed with a shotgun and a lead-pipe cosh robbed two diamond dealers of stones and rings worth about £150,000 outside the London silver vaults

The van, bired on Monday alternoon from a company based at Croydon, was later offices of The Guardian news paper off Farringdon Road, with Mr Joseph Rabstein inside. He Mr Joseph Rabstein inside. He was taken to St Bartholomew's Hospital where he was detained with a suspected fractured skull. His cousin was treated for head injuries and released. Both men, who work for Max Babraia and Connel Western Rabstein and Son, of Hatton Garden, are understood to have made trips twice daily to a safe deposit box in the vaults. Police are seeking informa-

tion on the whereabouts of the van, marked with the words Whitgift Hire, after it was hired. Jay proposals on mentally handicapped

are unrealistic, health union says put its plans into practice, that severely mentally handi-fraining of staff recommended capped people would be assi-by the committee was milated into the community, inadequate for the needs of The idealistic approach of the

committee had little basis in what happened in practice. The Jay report was published last March and the Government has not decided whether to nas not decided whether to accept its recommendations. Nurses working in the mentally handicapped field have criticized it and 90 per cent of the 20,000 nurse members of COHSE rejected the proposals. The union has submitted its plans. It estimates that 60,000 staff are needed over the new staff are needed to be staff and staff are needed to be staff an

staff are needed over the next

few years if the service is to develop in the right way.

Fabians to study machinery of government

Shirley Williams at the Department of Education and Science; and a serving official whose name is being kept secret.

The working party will concentrate on six areas, on each of which an analytical paper will be commissioned:

1. The relationship of the Cabinet to the Prime Minister and the Treasury. Is there any truth in Mr Wedgwood Benn's thesis of an over-mighty premiership?

2. Is the concept of a neutral Civil Service still appropriate? What changes are needed in the recruit-ment and promotion of civil servants? What role should the Civil Service unloss have in or their departments. How should advisers be found and employed from outside the ranks of the Civil

4. The relationship of departments to fringe bodies, for example the Treasury and the Bank of England, the Department of Employment and the Manpower Services Commission. Are departments too close to their "client groups" and the pressure groups that seek to in-

fluence them?

5. The relationship between ministers, civil servants and Parliament. with particular emphasis on the new Commons select committees. 6. Ways of achieving more open The working party which has met once, aims to complete its study by spring, 1981. Its find-ings will be published as a

Fabian pamphlet.

postmortem By Our Health Services Correspondent

Hayward, aged 46, the widow who died after a heart trans-plant operation at Harefield Hospital, near Uxbridge, Middlesex, at the request of Mr John Burton, the Wetst London Coroner.

was rejection.

Mr Magdi Yacoub, the con-

over six years, affected the Stanmore, Middx., HA7 1AY). failure of the transplant.

remarkable escape". The three people detained in hospital were named last night as Mr Anthony Cooper, Mr Austin Batley and Miss Gomerson. The two men were not seriously hurt. Coroner asks

were worried that more people might be trapped and only when everyons had been accounted for did they move out to allow

the building to be made safe.

Chief Supt John Gilmour, head of the Wakefield division of West Yorkshire police, said the cause of the explosion was

being investigated and forensic science experts had been called

Gas had not been ruled out at

a cause although there was no mains gas to the flats. He said: "Everyone in the flats had a

A post-mortem examination is to be held on Mrs Dorothy

wir magdi Tacoub, the con-sultant surgeon who led the transplant team, will try to establish how far Mrs Hay-ward's condition as a victim of

Unril then hospital doctors cannot take tissue samples from the heart, which came from a Dutch car accident victim, aged 20, to discover whether there

ms! work. The report observes that the strike "pushed the resources of all the agencies, both statutory and voluntary, well beyond their limits". from their normal work with elderly people by the need to keep a closer watch on children at risk of violence in their own homes.

One result was that by the time frail elderly people were admitted to homes or hospitals, they were in a much worse condition then might have been the case had social workers been at work. Some of the elderly died possibly prematurely, the report suggests. The British Association of

Social Workers said yesterday that the report demonstrated how greztly social workers were missed by both clients and other professional workers.

Social work

strike split up families,

report says

Some children have lost all contact with their natural parents, or any hope of being

fostered, as a direct result of

the 10-month strike by social workers in the London Borough of Tower Handlets, the Department of Health and

Social Security says in a report

That is one example of how

social work clients suffered in the strike, according to the

report, compiled by hie Lon-don region of the Department's

social work service. It shows

that existing and potential clients suffered from the with-

drawal of labour by social workers. Children adn frail

elderly people were partitu-larly affected.

A number of children, including a family of four, who were close to being ofstered when the strike began in August, 1978 were still in care

when it ended in June, 1979 because social work support was not there to complete the

Other children placed care temporarily because of marital difficulties were placed in short-term foster homes

in short-term foster homes before the strike began. Because there were no social

workers to maintain contact with the foster or natural

parents, byt the time the strike ended the fostering had stretched into an indefinite period, making it unlikely that the children wold ever return

Other professionals, particu-

larly health visitors, doctors and murses, were forced to take on somt of the work nor-mally done by social workers to the detriment of their nor-

Health visitors were diverted

fostering process.

published yesterday.

By Pat Healy

Social Services

An investigation into the Effect on Clients of Industrial Action by Social Workers in the Lon-don Borough of Tower Ham-lets. (Cashier, FBIA, Room 3A, Block 2, DHSS Government

60,000 more mothers will get maternity grant

By Our Social Services

Contribution conditions for the materbity grant are to be dropped in 1982, making about 60,000 more mothers eligible each year.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Under Secretary of State for Social Security, announced the change yesterday during the committee stage of the Social Security Bill, when she said the Government would support an amend-ment tabled by Mr Thomas Benyon, Conservative MP for Abingdon.

The announcement marks a shift in the Government's attitude. It blocked a private member's Bill designed to make the grant non-contributory, restore its value to the level

imendments with the same objective. Removing the contribution conditions will cost £1.5m gross, but that will be offset by £300.000 saved on exceptional needs payments now paid through supplementary benefits Mr Benyon pleaded for disSign

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cretion in continuing excep-tional needs payments The grant had been neglected for 10 years by successive governments, he said. To restore its value to the 1969 level, it should be £85 now and more

than £90 by November.
However, the Government has made no decision yet on whether the grant will be increased in advance of the easing of the conditions, or on the date of the change. Adminrestore its value to the level sachieved when it was last raised to \$25 in 1969, and index it to price increases. The Government also rejected opposition the tate of the change. Administration of the grant will be transferred to the child benefit centre at Washington New Town, and it is hoped that it will be ready to do the work by April, 1982.

Princess's holiday flight

Princess Margaret and Mr black Ford Escort. Mr Llewellyn Roderick Llewellyn left London followed in a small Toyota.

The Princess, wearing a peachyesterday for a three-week non-day on the island of Musrique. Under the name of Brown, they were booked on their scheduled British Airways flight to Barbados in adjoining seats in the economy section of a 747

Defence theft charge men remanded on bail From Our Correspondent Nottingham

Two men, who were said to face serious charges of stealing from the Ministry of Defence from the Ministry of Defence at Aldershot, were given bail in their absence at Nottingham Magistrates' Court yesterday. They were remanded to appear in Nottingham on April 22.

Christopher Francis May, aged 25. of Sonning Lane.

Sonning, Berkshire, and Stephen Usticke Beauchamp, aged 29, of Eldon Square, Reading, Berkshire, were jointly charged with stealing property valued at £61.60 during a motor spare parts sale at a Ministry of Defence depot at Ruddington, Notingham. The property in-cluded vehicle light bulbs, flashing units, reflectors, and

connectors.
Mr Christopher Worthington, Mr Christopher Worthington. Mr Underwood said: "He for the prosecution, said that the men faced more serious says it was something which matters involving thefts from cha Ministry of Defence. the Ministry of Defence

the rimitess, wearing a peaticoloured coat, was escorted to the airport's Alcock and Brown lounge, closely followed by her lady-in-weiting, her detective, and finally Mr Llewellyn, in the economy section of a 747
jet.

Princess Margaret travelled to Heathrow in a chauffer-driven out to their flight. Clergyman

A clergyman, who was arrested for indecency in a West End store, faced consequences from the Church far greater than any punishment a court could impose Mr John Underwood, for the defence, said at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday.

Canon Arthur Keith Walker. aged 46, Precentor of Chichester Cathedral, and father of two schoolchildren, of The Residenciary, Canon Lane, Chichester, Sussex, was fined £40. He pleaded guilty to committing an indecent act to the annoyance of others at the Peter Robinson store, Oxford Circus, on February 15. A charge of ourraging public

sciousness,"

decency was withdrawn.

Professor Tessa Blackstone, of

Mr David Lipsey: "Assuming perfect policies. . . . "

party originated with Mr Lip-

scy, Mr Gavin Davies, another

former member of the No 10 Policy Unit, now an economist

with Phillips and Drew, and

Mr Derek Scott, former special adviser to Mr Denis Healey at

the Treasury and now a mem-ber of Mr Callaghan's staff.

Other members of the group include Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, MP, Labour's front bench spokesman on the Civil Service,

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London University's Institute of

Education and a former mem-

ber of the Central Policy Re-

view Staff; and Mr Malcolm Dean, former special adviser to Mr David Ennals at the Depart-ment of Health and Social

Security, now a leader writer with The Guardian.

Direct Civil Service experi-

ence will be provided by Mr Philip Hunter of the Inner

London Education Authority,

fined £40 for indecency

'Severance pay' plan is urged to avoid splitting Labour vote

By George Clark
Political Correspondent
Proposals for the "automatic
reselection" of Labour Party party, whether or not it has a sitting MP, are supported by the Labour Parliamentary Asso-ciation in its submission to the commission of inquiry considering the party's future

organization.
The association, commonly The association, commonly known as the part yeardidates' "rade union", has about 500 members, most of them candidates who have contested general elections or are potential candidates looking for a constituency to adopt them.

Some MPs belong, the chairman hoing Mr Ernest Pohers. man being Mr Ernest Roberts, MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington, and the vice-chairman Mr Deunis Skinner,

MP for Bolsover.

The association says that each constituency party should, "during the term of a parlia-ment", call a selection con-ference to select its general election candidate. In thinks the present procedure should be

The General Management Committee delegate system of parliamentary selection is, in general, an honest reflection of Labour Labour members' views and is they wo not normally susceptible to dents

pute, as might easily be the case were all Labour members eligible to vote at a selection conference, whether in person or by post," the association

says.

When an MP retires, as a result of being unsuccessful at a selection conference or for any other reason, the associa-tion considers that he or she should be compensated by some form of severence

Any inducement to stand against the party as an independent should be eliminated, the candidates say, "and reasonable severance pay would seem to be a just method of achieving this."

Severance pay should be dealt with by legislation, not left to the constituency party to pay, nor to the Labour Party centrally, "for in no sense is an MP an employee either of the CLP or of the Labour Party". This proposal would obviously require the consent of a Commons majority, so would have to await an election at which Labour gained a substantial majority (even assuming the party endorsed it); but there are indications that if sitting Labour MPs are forced out, they would stand as independent.



Miss Pears 1979 : Christine Cashman, aged five, of South Croydon, posing before her portrait yesterday after she had unveiled it at the Royal Academy, London. It was painted by Crispin Thornton-Jones, of Craswall, Herefordshire, whose work at last year's Royal Society of Portrait Painters Exhibition in London attracted the attention of

WEST EUROPE. 15 million

starlings pick French farms clean

Paris, Feb 19.

The countryfolk in the remote commune of Laz on the Finisture peninsula of Brittany might be excused at the moment for believing they are living in a scene from the Alfred Bitchcock thriller, The Birds. They are doing battle with about 15 million startings with about 15 million starlings which are threatening their livelihood.

Tre birds arrived at the end of January, huge clouds of them, from neighbouring Crozon to the east, where they had already exhausted the food supplies

The local council has been doing its best to get rid of them, letting off houndreds of fireworks and firing bird scarres. The noise of battle rolls across the nomally quiet countrields.

countyside.
So fa, howeve, it has all been to no avail. The bids remain and each day they eat about 30 tons of corn—20 grams a bird—btcause silos offer no defence. n despera-tion, the town is thinking of calling in the army.

Earlier this month farmers in the St Lo area faced a similar invasion of starlings. Five million of them were using a wood as a dormitory and they refused to move despite being "bombed" from a helicopter

with a chemical jelly.

According to a scientist at the Mustum of Natural History in Paris the gathering of great clouds of starlings has become increasingly common in recent years due to the tendency to create larger farms.

This has meant the destruction of hedgerows and copses, the natural habitats of the animals like martens and weasels which prey on the birds' eggs. This ecological change has led to an explosion in the starling

Accoding to the French National Institute Agronomy Research, startings are 216,000 tons of food in france during 1978. Farmers in Laz have no reason to think that f igurtis an exaggeration.

Action fortnight brings political rift between France's main union groups to a climax

Taris, Feb 19

The largest trade union group in France, the Communist-dominated CGT, has begun a much-heralde d"fort-night of action" aimed at increasing union militancy on the shop floor throughout the country. But already it has caused a split with the second caused a split with the second largest union group, the Socia-list CFDT.

All the lip service paid down the years by the two groups to the idea of a united approach in arguing the workers' case before management seem to before management seem to have gone out of the window in the flurry of invective provoked by the rallying calls for the fortnight of action, and the CGT's insistence on toeing the Communist Parry line.

The trouble came out into the open on January 29 after a top-level meeting between the leaders of the two union groups. The omens for that, meeting were already not auspicious and they proved right.

From Our Own Correspondent

Mstislav Rostropovich, the

exiled Russian cellist, and his

wife, Galina Vishnevskaya, the

opera singer, are to stage a

three-hour free concert on Feb-

ruary 27 in Paris to honou D

Andei Sakharov, the banished

With tears in his eyes tre eminent cellist spoke of the bratings suffered by his friend

by the troops who are guard-ing him in Gorkiy. Tre con-cert, he said, would not be a political demonstration but "a

praye r spoken through music for the health and feedom of

one of the gestest men in the

world and whose friendship he been an honour for us."

His wife called on all Rus-

sians to forget their fears to

Soviet human rights activist.

Cellist plans Paris concert

to honour Dr Sakharov

The meeting went on for four hours, although for balf that time the two sides were meeting separately discussing their position in the light of what had been said while they were together. were together.

The point at issue was the CGT's insistence that the fort-night of action should be limited to pressing the case for hanted to pressing the case for better salaries, jobs and condi-tions. The CFDT could not accept that a union's obliga-tions to its members ended there and insisted that the political beliefs of the unions cound not be ignored.

What was worrying the Socialist union was the fact that the CGT had taken up a strongly pro-Soviet stance after the invasion of Afghanistan and the exil e of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet dissident scientist. To the CFDT it was impossible to work as allies impossible to work as allies with a union movement which supported what it considered were basic breaches of human and international rights.

save "the great man who has

gone to his Golgatha to save the world".

Yehudi Menuhin, Leonard

Estrella—an Argentine pianist rectntly freed from Uraguayan

jail-bave so far agreed to take part. Mr Rostropovitch

has launched an appeal to

other artists to join the con-cert, which he has agred to finance at the Salle Pleyel.

At the press conference

dom-when Sovitt soldiers kill

Afghans and the militia beat up Sakharov? "they asked.

on the Socialists, accusing them of being scartd of joining the fortnight of action. M Charles Seguy, the leader of the CGT, said at the weekend that the CFDT had categori-cally refused to join in a common declaration relounching the fight for better conditions. That has stung M Albert

Mercier, the national secretary of the CFDT, to reply that these continual attacks are destroying any chance of united action based on a clear styles of action.

The style of action preferred by the CG Tis still this formight's variety, complete with a national rally in Paris on Thursday, led by M Seguy. The Communist newspaper, L'Humanite has launched it today with the communist today with the communist today. with a long list of individual cases in which it alleges that workers have been persecuted by employers, in one instance to the point of suicide.

Dutch Cabinet splits over spending cuts

Amsterdam, Feb 19
The Dutch Government, a coalition of Christian Democrats and conservative Liberals, has run into serious political trouble over plans for further reductions in public spending. Ministers have been unable to agree on the level of the spending cuts, after weeks of discussion. Last night, the Cabinet took the unusual step of taking a decision by a vote and the outcome was to reduce spending by some 3,000 guilders (about £700m). At the press conterence today to announce the concert, they called for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics at a shock action which would alert tre Soviet people. "How can you imagine tre festival of the opening of the Olympic Games in Moscow—a festival of freedom—when Sovitt soldiers kill

At loggerheads are Mr Wil Albeda, the Social Affairs Minister, who is reported to be opposed to reducing public spending by more than 2,000m guilders, and Mr Frans Andriessen, the Finance Minister, who

EEC faces tomato 'swamp' and peach mound

By Hugh Clayton
Agriculture Correspondent
The European Community
would soon have a "mountain"
of Correspondent a "mountain" would soon have a "mountain" of surplus peaches and a "swamp" of unwanted tomatoes, food importers said yesterday. Mr Derek Leigh, trading director of John West Foods, told reporters in London that the EEC was "spending money indiscriminately to boost mefficiency."

ciency".
The importers' statement was the latest in a series of com-plaints from Britain about the working of the common agricul-tural policy. Mr Leigh said that the level of protection given to EEC farmers against imported produce was too great and too costly.
Mr Peter Gibbons, manager,

of A. J. Mills & Co. said that the extra duty imposed by the EEC on corned beef from outside added 7p a lb to the cost of the product in British shops. Mr Leigh said that rinned foods like salmon and pineapple attracted heavy taxes when they came into the Community even

though there were no equiva-lent products in Europe EEC subsidies to Italian growers had encouraged a doub-ling of Italian tomato output ling of Italian tomato output in the past two years and an expansion of the acreage of peaches. "Before too long we are going to have piles of peaches and tomato swamps to add to the butter mountains and wine lakes", he said.

Mr Leigh, who is president of Frucom, the EEC association of processed food importers, said that the subsidy on peaches was equivalent to half of the

was equivalent to half of the retail price of a 11b tin in Britain.
"Who is paying?" he asked.

The taxpayer, of course. It is crazy when traditional sup-pliers in countries like South Africa and Australia could provide those peaches at the same price as Italy without any cost to the taxpayer." He said that duties on im-

ports and subsidies to EEC. growers should be cut, and that the subsidies should be paid wants cuts of at least double only on limited amounts of

Ulster economic policy attacked

From Annabel Ferrimen

Belfast The Social Democratic and Labour Party attacked British economic policy in Northern Ireland yesterday, saying that after 60 years of British rule the overpowering picture was of a collapsing economy. In a paper presented to the parallel conference at Stor-mont in which the SDLP is meeting Mr Humphrey Atkins. Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the party says that the British Government's rule, through Stormont and after-wards, has brought "neither peace, stability, nor good

It says that the province has the lowest industrial earnings

mgnest rate of emigration. It also has the highest rate of infant mortality, the lowest life expectancy and the poorest standard of living.

Manufacturing industry is in drastic decline, labour shed by agriculture has nowhere else to turn, and the growth rate is at zero. The province has the highest dependence on social security, the greatest re-

social security, the greatest re-liance on income maintenance and the average standard of living is 78 per cent of that of the United Kingdom.

The paper says that while unrest in the province has dis-couraged industry, it has pro-vided additional employment for prison officers, security for prison officers, security guards in private employment,

says that opportunities exist for cooperation with the republic's Authority, its Export Promotion Board, the electricity authorities

Forty-six public bodies were appointed in full or part by the British Government and all were dominated by unionists, the party says. The British Govguards in private employment, arnment had not made use of policement and army reservists. them to encourage a partner-lif peace were to come to-

IRA admits murder of British colonel

day claimed responsibility for the murder of Colonel Mark Coe of the British Army of the Rhine in Bielefeld, West Germany, at the weekend and at the same time admitted the murder of Sir Richard Sykes, British Ambassador to The Hague, last March.

of six, was shot as he was park-ing his car outside his house on Saturday. Sir Richard, aged 58, was shot as he was about to drive from his residence to the

in a statement issued in Dublin

Embassy, last March 22. The Provisional IRA claimed

Inquiry into second house

fire in Anglesey

Police in North Walen said

vesterday that a second holi-day home fire has been dis-covered in Anglesey, a few miles from the cottage found badly damaged on Monday. The latest incident is at

From Our Own Correspondent
Belfast that Sir Richard had engaged in in West Germany in 1978 and intelligence operations against
The Provisional IRA yesterday claimed responsibility for day claimed responsibility for more important than other a military band was about to

ted in an army which is engaged in oppressing the nationalist people in the occupied six counties", the statement said.

"The reason for these attacks occupation of part of our country. Other British oppressors wherever they be stationed should know that by no means have we finished."

Robbie Lister, aged 22, single, from Colchester, Essex.

The men died when their helicopter crashed into a power cable on a routine flight from Aldergrove airport to Lisburn.

soldiers who were killed in a helicopter crash four miles west of Belfast on Monday night were named yesterdey as Acting Sergeant Kenneth Robson, aged 27, single, from Newquay, Cornwall, and Lance Corporal

The statement also said that the IRA was responsible for bombings in British Army bases

Aldergrove airport to Lisburn.
An inquiry into the accident, which occurred in dense fog, has been set up.

ambassadors. play. Crash victims named: The two Colonel Coe, who had been in Ireland in 192, was "execu-

Tests show no arsenic in

By Frances Gibb

As the sixth dead whale within days was washed ashore on the south coast yesterday government scientists announced that tests on three of the whales provide no evidence that they were roisened dence that they were poisoned by arsenic trichloride from the

The latest incident is at Tycroes and involved a holiday cottage owned by a local estate company. There had heen a break in and attempt to start a fire, but the only damage was caused by smoke. Yesterday forensic scientists were at the scene of the other fire at Newborough, in which a bedroom of a holiday cottage owned by Mr Frank Nugent, an electrical engineer, and his

It is thought more likely that the whales have come from as far away as the South Atlantic and been washed into the Channel by an unusual combination of winds and currents.

"It has been noted that the whales had been dead for some time", the laboratory report says, "and it is considered

quite possible that they may have drifted a considerable dis-tance before they were washed

The whales, sperm and pilot, were all in a state of advanced decomposition and had been

a visit to the Isle of Wight today by Mr Marcus Fox, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environ-ment, to assess the extent of the danger from the sunken

thought to contain arsenic prichloride, which is lethal when exposed to air.

east of Portland Bill on November 4 when being towed to habour after a collision with a German tanker. The other less harmful chemicals such as heir spray and nail varnish.

"To appreciate Lufthansa, once in a while, one has to fly another airline?

This is an authentic passenger statement.

owned by Mr Frank Nugent, an electrical engineer, and his wife of Audenshaw, Greater Manchester, was badly damaged. Later the scientists examined the Tycroes cottage. The two incidents have brought the number of holiday home fires in Wales to 19. The incidents began in December and a group of nationalist extremists is believed to be responsible. Ex-MP says police forced

him to undress Raymond Blackburn, the campaingner against pornography, complained at Marlborough Street Magistrates Court, London, yesterday, that he had forced to pay £15 costs. He told the court he was an alcoholic who rarely drank. On September 8 last year he had consumed brandy and chamber forced to remove borough Street Magistrates
Court, London, yesterday, that he had been forced to remove his underpants in the presence of two smirking young police officers. He draped a pair of grubby pants over the dock and brandished them at officers while questioning them about how he was searched at West End Central police station.

Mr Blackburn, aged 64, a former Labour MP of Homefield Road, Chiswick, London, denied being drunk and disbetted to remove his underpants in the presence of lying about his behaviour, and said he would take further action against them. He accused Mr David Hopkin, the magistrate, and said: "I think it is scandadous that this country should be turned into a police state." He said: "There is absolutely no evidence of being disorderly."

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Getaway car of building society gunman found

An escape car used by a gunman who held hostage a building society manager, his wife and their son, aged three months, as their house during the weekend has been found. The white Marina was parked outside Woodford Underground station, east London.

Police, who found it after a street-to-street search, believe the gunman drove straight here on Monday moraing after escaping with £11,000 from a Halifax

three south coast whales

up.

dead for some time. The report comes just before

freighter. More than 1,000 canisters from the ship have been washed ashore on beaches in Dorset, Hampshire and Sussex, and about a dozen of them are

The freighter sank 12 miles

Plan to revitalize docks is backed on Merseyside From Our Correspondent

Liverpool Merseyside County Council, which bad bitterly opposed the Government plan to set up an urban development corporation to revitalize the derelict South Docks at Liverpool, yesterday gave its approval, subject to certain reservations. It denied making a U-turn.

making a U-turn.

The council carried with one dissenting vote a resolution emphasizing the need to cooperate with the scheme now that it had became government policy. It unanimously welcomed the fact that Sir Kenneth Thompson, county council chairman, who had opposed the plan, had agreed to become deputy chairman of the corporation.

Burns Club

A report in The Times on January 23 about a Burns dinner in Moscow has been taken to imply that the Edinburgh Burns Club had met and considered the matter, and that no objections to proceeding with the pranagement had have no objections to proceeding with the arrangements had been raised. That is a misunder-standing of the position. The club had not then met since the invasion of Afghanistan, and its president had made no expression of the process of the control of the process of the control of the process of the control of statement on its behalf.

A report in The Times on

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East-West scientists meet under an international cloud

Hamburg, Feb 19

knowing full well that the results will be meagre. They are in Hamburg because the 35 say, are also cool about becom-countries of the 1975 Helsinki ing involved in projects which, Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe agreed to more advanced, would mainly operation in Europe agreed to improve exchanges, contacts and collaboration in the scientific field.

But there are few illusions selves. here on either side. The more The optimistic hope that after the conference they will be able to recommend to their governments that they collaborate certain projects in the fields of energy, food production, and medical and sociological

research. But the Scientific Forum, as the conference is called, will not remove the real obstacles to collaboration, in particular the restrictions on the movement of

Eastern European scientists, Western delegares say. Lord Todd, the president of the Royal Society and head of the British delegation, com-plained in strong terms about the trouble caused to organiz-ers of scientific meetings who frequently invite individual Soviet scientists, often offering generous expenses, only to have their invitations ignored, rejec-ted, or accepted and then cancelled at the last moment with-out explanation.

As his American and French colleagues pointed out, feeling among Western scientists about the Soviet Union's persecution of its scientists involved in human rights activities, is so strong that many are refusing to collaborate with Soviet scientists until the situation im-

The forum is providing an opportunity for the scientists

About 300 leading scientists know each other already, any from East and West are gathered here for two weeks discussions on cooperation, contacts between their institu-

Western scientists, delegates say, are also cool about becombe a one-way traffic in favour of their Eastern colleagues and with little benefit to them-

The first few moments of the conference were somewhat painful as the local choir and orchestra started the inaugural concert in two entirely different keys. It looked as if political discord was to follow.

The Soviet delegation, on the defensive from the start, had put it about that they would walk out if the subject of their dissident scientists was brought

it was in most emphatic terms—by British, American and, today, French delegates, but just as several Western delegations had resisted the temptation to boycott the con-ference, the East Europeans gritted their teeth and sat it out with nothing more than

angry protests.
It appeared clear to diplomatic delegates in the forum that neither side wanted to take any action which would damage the prospects of the next "Hel-sinki" conference in Madrid in November.

British protest : The Council of the Royal Astronomical Society Soviet Academy of Sciences con-demning the restrictions placed on Dr Andrei Sakharov, the

Nobel prize winner, as a viola-tion of human rights.

The telegram said they threatened relations between Soviet and British astronomers to make contacts; as a Ruman- and geophysicists and endan-ian delegate put it, there are gered the continuation of scien-two conferences, one official tific exchanges.

Demand for | Jail terms release of Corsicans

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 19

The families of 36 people held since the violent disturb-ances in Corsica last month have been mounting a strong campaign for their release. Today, a delegation of 20 women, wives or other relatives of the southern Corsica to ask his help in obtaining their rapid release from prison in Paris.

The arrests followed the strong police action in Ajaccio Bastelica after militant autonomists took opponents hostage and then captured an The 36 arrested then were in addition to 55 other nationalists already serving sentences.

Pressure for the release of all these prisoners has now resuited in the takeover of five village council offices on the island, and none of the mayors involved have asked for any police help to evict the occu-

Seven mayors from villages which are the homes of some of the prisoners went to see the Prefect of upper Corsica last week to tell him of the "anxiety of the people" in the face of the detention of so

so far ordered the release of bis fine from 5,000 to 10,000 20 prisoners

on appeal

leading authority on the French painter Utrillo and proprietor of an art gallery in Paris, had a septence for their and receiving lengthened by the court of

by the lower court last April Now he has to serve four years and pay 500,000 francs in fines. Marc Francelet was the middle man between two brothers who originally stole the 31 paintings involved from a collector in 1972 and passed them on to a painter, Claude Feneyron. He had also appealed against seatences of three years and a 5,000 france fine. He was

francs. The two brothers, Patrick and Jean-Pierre Hillairaud, who had been discharged by the lower court, were both found guilty by the appeal court and warrants were issued for their errest to serve five-year sentences and pay fines of 5,000

francs_each. many breadwinners.

M Jean Claude Thia, the examining magistrate investigating the January violence, has

increased

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 19 Paul Petrides, a former Cypriot tailor who became a

appeal here yesterday.

Mr Petrides, who is 79, was sentenced to three years' jail and fined 30,000 frances (£3,330)

given the same jail term but had his fine increased to 15,000

M Barre urges industry to maintain buying power

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 19

M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, issued a rough warn-ing to the captains of industry today that if they were to allow salary rises to absorb entirely the gains of productivity they could count on neither credit facilities, protectionist measures nor a strong currency.

Speaking to the Association of Friends of the French Republic he said that the maintenance of purchasing power was in these circumstances becoming more and more of an ambitious objective. The idea of maintaining salaries at a level above the rise in the cost of living has been a professed

sure that the vigour of French industry, high productivity and the progress of the French economy as a whole would make the objective possible on the condition that the French workers know they must steer clear, as they have done up to now, of excessive

claims and exaggerated influ-

The Prime Minister also

spelt out a six-point foreign policy for France. This was to maintain its nuclear deterrent; to stand loyally by its allies; avoid the existence of power blicks in Europe and the world; work patiently for the organization of Europe; help developing countries, especially in Africa: and contribute in Africa; and everywhere to the independence He was not totally dis- of nations and the libertly of heartened, however. He was mankind".

Nation in decline but oil reserves viewed with envy

Paris, Feb 19

Britain's membership of the EEC posed the same type of problems as a heart transplant operation, with a periodic Britain had to find out if it danger of rejection, the French could live without undoing Academy of Moral and Political Sciences was told last night. The analogy was drawn by M René Dabernat, a French journalist who is a specialist on

Britain. His book, Messieurs les Anglais, published in 1976, is said, this would mean that it would work on the subject.

According to his paper, Britain, after dominating the world, has been showing signs of decline for the past 20 years; of the Welfare State and the less of the Welfare State and the state of the world. decline linked to the loss of

the empire. Internally the blame lay with an aging industry and the cost of an over ambitious Welfare State. Now after nearly 300 years turned towards the world at French Governmen large, Britain had turned to lation as a whole.

From Our Own Correspondent Europe by joining the EEC. Even so it had never forgotten its global horizons, despite seven years of Community membership.

itself and without undoing the Community as a whole.

M Dabernat showed the

French envy of Britain's North Sea oil reserves. By 1985, he said, this would mean that it

power of the unions must be reduced." However accurate his words may or may not be. M Daber nat's views are very much those that persist within both the French Government and popu-

OVERSEAS.

Decisive Trudeau victory in Canadian elections

The Liberal Party won a decisive victory in the Canadian 75 seats in the province. One general election yesterday and Mr Pierre Trudeau will return to power after a nine-month interval. The Liberals won 48 per terval. The Liberals won 48 per steady: at 13 per cent; the cent of the vote and 148 seats Liberals increased their share out of a total of 281, compared from 62 to 68 per cent. with 114 in the election last They did well in the Marl-

The Progressive Conserva-tives were reduced to 101 seats and 30 per cent of the vote. In 1979 they won 13 6and formed their first government for 16 years under Mr Joe Clark. Now they must return to opposition. The third party, the New Democranic Party, won 32 seats and 18 per cent of the vote, compared to 27 seats last year. They lost seats in the Mari-times and Ontario, and did well

in the west. The Social Credit Party in Quebec lost all its seats and two thirds of its vote.

One sat in Quebec will be two altogether.

contested in a special election

next month because one of the seats they won from the

candidates died during the Liberals last May and in the can any longer make any Resides promising that oil full confidence. The Liberals captured every seat in the processing. The Liberals will space of by elections in October, serious pretence to being prices would not be allowed to captured every seat in the process would not be allowed to captured every seat in the process would not be allowed to captured every seat in the process would not be allowed to vince except one, which went by go up as far as Mr Clark go up as far as Mr Clark an arrow margin to the Contained wanted, Mr Trudeau avoided an arrow margin to the Contained wanted, Mr Trudeau avoided an arrow margin to the Contained wanted, Mr Trudeau avoided and the captured every seat in the process would not be allowed to captured every s Tory majority of 30,000 in 1978, reduced to 3,000 last year, became a Liberal majority of 8,000 this time.

Conservative survived with a very narrow margin, They lost two seats in Quebec though their chare of the vote stayed. times, picking up six extra Manitoba. seats, four from the Conserva- The NI

tives and two from the NDP. The election was decided in Ontario, however, That fickle province, which voted out Mr Trudeau nine months ago and put Mr Clark into office, returned 54 Liberals this time, 36 Conservatives and five NDP. The Liberals won 18 seats from the Tories and three from th

Things look very different in the West. In the four provinces and two territories west of Outario, the Liberals managed to win two seats only, both in

The NDP did well in the West, particularly in British Columbia, where the Liberals lost their one seat. The NDP won 15 and the Tories 10. Only Alberta, Mr Clark's home pro-

the NDP.

In Metropolitan Toronto the Liberals won 1 seats, a gain of seven; the Tories won four, losing eight; and the NDP battlefield. Quebec and the NDP battlefield. Quebec and the French districts of New Brunswick, and Prioce Edward Island work, and Prioce Edward Island overwhelmingly Liberal, and two altogether.

The Tories thus lost all the seats they won from the divided up the rest of the Maritimes. None of the three parties

of leadership and energy policy. The country clearly pre-ferred Mr Trudeau, after Mr Clark's poor showing during the nine-month conservative interregnum.

blunderer. He made a number of unimportant but conspicous mistakes that damned him in the eyes of the electorate, particularly in Ontario. The voters then forgot their former intense hostility to Mr Trudeau. intense hostility to Mr Trudeau.
Paradoxically, Mr Clark was
defeated in Parliament last
December for exercising too
muhe leadership. He spurned
the compromises which usually
rule a minority Government.
He grasped the oil nettle, determining that the price of oil in
Canada must reflect world
prices and that the only way to
reduce consumption was to reduce consumption was to increase the cost of petrol. He proposed a modest 13 cents a gallon excise tax on petrol in the budget and the Government was defeated.

the election were the question setting out a coherent energy policy. The country clearly pre-States, is clinging to its cheap petrol and high consumption, despite the balance of payments deficits and inexorable inflation

the policy brings in its wake. Mr Clark was thought a The electorate voted for the present price of petrol of about \$1.05 (56 pence) a gallon. The Liberals' comfortable majority gives them the possibility of reversing themselves smartly and implementing a tough energy policy. Such a move might shock the electorate but there need be no new elections before 1984. Such a change might be easier

if Mr Trudeau carries out his promise to resign soon. His numerous opponents in the party expect him to stand down before a party convention in the autumn.

Quebec confidencye: In what was more a plebiscite than an election in Quebec, the province reelected Mr Trudeau, its "favourite son", with a vote of

servatives, (Anne Penketh writes from Montreal). One political commentator

summed up the results this: In Ouebec the Liberals are in first place. Everyone else in no Mr Roch Lasalle, the success-

ful Tory candidate, a former minister in the Clark Cabinet, expressed concern for the future of Quebec "with a confrontationist Prime Minister, like Pierre Trudeau, back in power. He has always said that he would never negotiate with René Levesque and that kind of strategy is very unhealthy."

The election dealt a death blow to the Social Credit Party. seen by many as representing the protest vote from the

The New Democratic Party had cause for celebration in Quebec since, despite winning no seats, it doubled its share of the popular vote and in several constituencies replaced Conservatives and Social Creditists in second place.

SALISBURY

The black squares represent the Patriotic Front assembly areas in Southern Rhodesia where a total of 480 Commonwealth troops are stationed. The crosses are airstrips.

Britain plans a phased withdrawal

and Commonwealth troops from Southern Rhodesia after this month's election. Soldiers in the will be rescued more quickly, however, if trouble breaks out.

The operation is expected to start after voting has ended on February 29, three days before the results of the election are due to be announced.

During the initial three-day phase most of the 1,400-strong Commonwealth monitoring group will be withdrawn to

Defence Correspondent tented transit camp is already Present plans include 24

The Ministry of Defence has being prepared. sorties by Hercules transport drawn up plans for a phased. Priority will be given to aircraft, 13 by VC10s and only eight-day withdrawal of British bringing back, by helicopter or two by American Galaxies by road, the 480 troops who are living next to the Patriotic Front men in the Front's 14

> deep in the bush near the Rhodesian frontiers. Then the troops and essental stores will be taken by air back to Britain, while other equipment will return more slowly by rail and sea. Because of the use of surface

assembly areas, most of them

which again will have to be hired to carry the RAF's Puma helicopters. Three VC10s will be ready on the sirfield when the first troops arrive in Salis-bury before returning to A small party will remain behind for a time, however,

including Major-General John Acland who has commanded the Commonwealth monitoring group, some of his senior officers and other key personnel transport, the airlift will be less group, some of his senior into thin air".

Intense than that which flew officers and other key personnel He had returned from an electhe monitoring group to Rhode- like communications specialists.

Lord Soames to issue new rules for voting

From Dan van der Vat

Salisbury, Feb 19 Lord Soames, the Governor of Southern Rhodesia, will take further steps by the end of the week to minimize intimidation during next week's elections here, British spokesmen dis-

A new ordinance is to be issued, severely restricting the access of polling agents to voting stations. This is part of the continuing effort to reassure vottrs that their ballots will be completely secret.

Further, the singing, dancing and chanting of slogans familiar in African elections will not be allowed within a 100-metre radius of polking stations. Almost all the 540 British policemen expected here at the weekend will be posted at rural polling stations as further reassurance to voters.

Votes are to be cast at a total of 657 polling stations, Of these, 216 rural and 119 urban will be static and 298 rural and 23 urban stations will be mobile, going from place to place during the three days allowed for voting. There will also be one sir-mobile station.

A British spokesman tonight gave the figure of 196 as the new total of breaches of the ceasefire. Of these, 93 were attributed to ania, the military wing of Mr Robert Mugahe's Zanu (PF) Party, with another 35 occuring in its former operational area. Twenty-three were put down to Zipra, the guerrilla arm of Mr Joshua Nkomo's Patriotic Front party, with a further 11 in its former with a further 11 in its former

area of operations.
Of the rest, two breaches were attributed to the Rhowere attributed to the Rho accept a Tanzanian proposal desian Security Forces (together that Dr Kurt Waldheim, the with 11 cases of incitement by them of breaches of the ceaseunidentified parties.
Earlier, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the former Prime Minister,

and leader of the UANC, claimed that the "euphoria" which greeted the return to Rhodesia of Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo was "disappearing into thin air".

If he formed the next government, he would eradicate un-employment in five years and here would be a surfeit of jobs. "Who would invest in a Marxist societies."

Marxist, socialist, communist country run by Nkomo or Mugabe?" he asked.

He claimed to have indisputable evidence that 5,000 Zanka guerrillas had crossed into Rhodesia from Mozambique since the ceasefire denger of a coup if Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo were in the new government, the Bishop refused to comment. He also refused to

be drawn by persistent ques-tioning about where his party's obviously substantial election funds were coming from. "I am not interested in answering that uestion." He did not deny that some was coming from South Africa.
Coup feared: President Kaunda of Zambia said today that he feared South Africa would support a coup in Rhodesia if guerrilla leaders won next

week's election. "I have irrefutable evidence to show that South African ne sir-nobile station. sia by the British government.",
A British spokesman tonight the President told Count Yves-Jesu due Moncesu de Bergendal, a visiting Belgian senator.

"They have said they're withdrawing their forces, but those South African troops are still there in battalions", he said. attacked: today intensified its attacks on Britain's handling of the Rhodesia situation by suggesting that London had something to hide because it declined to United Nations Secretary-General should visit the colony. Secretary-

According to the Governmentowned Daily News, President Nyerere has received a letter from Dr Waldheim stating that Britain's United Nations representative had said such a visit would be inappropriate at-present but had suggested that a United Nations official be sent to observe next week's independence elections.—

US envoy meets **Palestinians**

Jerusalem, Feb 19.—Mr Donald McHenry, the United States representative at the United Nations, had lunch to-day with three Palestinian leaders from the occupied West

Bank of Jordan.

Mr McHenry, who is on a Middle East fact-finding tour, met in east Jerusalem Mr Elias Freij, the mayor of Bethlehem, Mr Anwar Nusseiba, a former Jordaniain Defence Minister, and Mr Hikmat Al-Masri, a notable from the West Bank town of Nablus.

Mr Nusseiba refused several weeks ago to confer with Mr Sol Linowitz, special United States delegate t othe Pales-tinian autonomy talks he told reporters: "Ambassador McHenry represents his country before the United Nations which is an international body while Ambassador Linowitz came here for a specific pur-within a specific framework which I do not accept."

Palestinian leaders have rejected the Camp David accords signed by Egypt, Israel and the United States to grant autonomy for the Palestinians in occupied

Arab territories.

Mr al-Masri said: "We are not optimistic about the United States position, because the United States still supports Israel although it is against the unification of Jerusalem and settlements (on occupied Arab

land)". Petition fails: The Israeli Supreme Court rejected today a petition by Arab West Bank residents for an injunction to halt the expansion of a Jewish settlement in the occupied area. of Hebron had asked the court

at the Jewish suburb of Kirvar Arba, saying that they owned the land on which additional houses were being built.

The court ruled that the petitioners had not proved ownership of the land, which the Israeli Government says is state-named. The court become state-owned. The court, however

to stop ne wconstruction work

save them five days to submit their case to the military appeals court for further action.

Reuter.

Thatcher plea to athletes

By George Clark

Political Correspondent In a letter to Sir Denis Fol-lows, chairman of the British Olympic Association, released last night, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said that if British athletes took part in the Moscow Olympics this summer they would seem to be condoning an international crime committed by the Soviet Union by its invasion of Afghanistan.

"We therefore ask," she wrote, "that the British Olympic Association should accept the advice of the Government in this matter, and reflect it in your response to the invitation of the Moscow Arganizing Committee to take part . . .

Mrs Thatcher said she fully understood the difficulties faced by the International Olympic Committee and by the BOA in considering the moving of the games from Moscow to some theless, the Government had decided that its advice to the British athletes must be not to go to Moscow.

Mrs Thatcher added: "We fully recognize the practical and constitutional difficulties in-volved in making changes to the present arrangements. We are deeply conscious of the disap-pointment which will be felt by British sportsmen and women But the British Olympic Association, and the athletes

whom you represent, must be aware that the decision to hold the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow is alrdeay being presented by the Soviet Government as "convincing proof of the general acknowledgement of the historical importance and correct foreign policy of the USSR and of the huge services of the Soviet Union to peace'.

This, she said, was a foretaste of the way the Kremlin hoped to exploit the propaganda value of the games. Carter deadline: President Carter made it clear today that America will press ahead with its boycott of the Moscow Olympics when the deadline for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan expires to-morrow (David Cross writes from Washington).

Chemist believes tests on Shroud shift burden of proof to sceptics

marks.

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on the cloth. The marks are of two basic kinds : ruddy-coloured areas traditionally described as "blood stains" and shaded areas in the pasttern of the head

and body of a man.

Research points to the presence in th cloth of the substance ence in the cloth of the substance supporaria officinalis, used in ancient times to treat linen to soften it and also toxic to mould and bacteria. The "blood stains" are not the colour of very old dried blood, but tests have shown that a colour closer to the Shroud's "blood stains" can be achieved in laboratory conditions if blood is exposed to conditions if blood is exposed to saponaria officinalis before it

Additional tests on the blood stains "show that whatever caused them appears to have been a viscous fluid, preshave been a viscous titud, present as minute globules of organic matter. These stains have penetrated to the back of the cloth, which camot normal transfer should be the cloth. aly be seen because of a sheet of backing material fixed to the Shroud in the sixteenth century. Dr Dinegar says no test has yet proved that the globules are real bloodstain. "This is not to say that all tests have always Dinegar comments. "The positive results are as yet not sufficient to confirm the presence of haemetic material."

These marks are quite different from the "image" of a bursts, undergoes a darkening bead and body, which has also of the surface, it has been been studied by the latest found.

Among the lesser known

casualties of Uganda's recent upheavals has been its once

In a newly published report,

Earthscan, an environmental information agency supported by the United Nations Environ-

ment Programme, describes

some of the efforts of President Godfrey Binaisa's government

to repair these particular

Projects include the establish-

ment of a ranger training centre at Mweya and a survey of wildlife to be sponsored by

By Tony Samstag

abundant wildlife.

No evidence has been found of any paint or similar matter on the parts of the cloth bearing the image. The image is not fluorescent, and fibres bearing it are discoloured only several micrometers deep, on the top surface of each fibre. There is no mark of this kind on the side of an individual fibre or on the back, indicating that the cause was

not likely to be the applica-tion of liquid or vapour.

Dr Dinegar states: "While we search for additional hypotheses and information, we seem to be left with the tenuous suggestion that the cloth may have been discoloured in the manner we observe by a rapid deposition of energy in the fibres. At the increased temperature brought about by the energy transfer, chemical reactions could produce different substances that would make an area appear dark."

He likens this to the darken-ing of sugar, and says one line ing of sugar, and says one line of research is that the darkening is caused by "the caramelization of the hydrolysis product of a glycoside from suponario officinalis".

Linen impregnated with this and exposed to radiant energy. and exposed to radiant energy,

the New York Zoological

During President Idi Amin's

eight year rule discipline in the

national parks was non-existent

and, according to the report,

foreign currency to buy weapons, carried out sys-tematic ivory poscing". In the Kabalega Falls national park

alone, the poachers are thought to have killed 12,000 elephant

in three years, out of a total population estimated at 14,000.

In April last year, while the Amin troops were devastating

Kabalega, Tanzanian soldiers

Amin's army, desperate for

Restoring Uganda's ravaged wildlife

contact with a hot metal statue images penetrate the fibre deeply and are poor and blurred. In contrast, the shallow-image on the Shroud was found to be well formed with excellent resolution, and there is no interpenetration of

" blood stain " marks by the other type.

Dr Dinegar feels that the results have shifted the burden of proof even more towards the sceptics, and adds that he believes the prospects for the long-awaited Carbon 14 test are now good.

New techniques for Carbon 14 dating are available which do not involve destruction of uny significant amount of material. However, the Turin authorities have resisted such tests so far. This issue has been referred

to the Pontifical Academy of Science in Rome for an authoritarive recommendation.

Nothing has emerged so far about the exact nature of the confusion apparently caused by

one particular test—the one being withheld. The Rev David Sox, secretary of the British Society for the Turin Shroud and a member of the team of experts privy to all the results, would only say yesterday: "I am waring for something else to be disclosed which could colour the whole

were emering Rwenzori Park,

where, in collaboration with Ugandan civilians, they are thought to have slaughtered almost a third of the 46,000

With ammunition almost un-

limited, sport also took its toll.

well, before Dr Julius Nyerere,

large mammals.

animala

Fears of Iran hold-up in release of hostages

From Michael Leapman New York, Feb 19

There were fears here today that snags in Tehran may impede the progress of the care-fully choreographed diplomatic minuet which is supposed to lead to the early release of the American hostages.

The fears were fanned by the continued failure of the Iranians to confirm in writing President Bani-Sadr's verbal agreement to the appointment of a United Nations commission to investigate Iran's grievances

against the former Shah.

Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General had confidently expected such confirmation by telegram this morning. He had planned to announce immediately afterwards the second s tely afterwards the appointment of the five-man commission, the members of which have been named already. Reports from Tehran say that the students holding the hostages in the United States Embassy are still opposed to

linking th ecommission's appointment to the release of their prisoners. The President's withholding of formal approval is a sign that he does not think he can force them to hand over the Americans against their wishes, despite his appointment today as Commander in Chief of the Army.
A United Nations spokesman

said today: "Obviously President Bani-Sadr was trying to consolidat ehis authority in a number of fields". He added that Dr Waldheim had not been in contact with the President since he gave his verbal appro-val to the commission yesterday. Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, spent six and a half hours yesterday tak-ing to Dr Waldheim and to the two members of the commission who were in New York. One report said it was agreed that, report said it was agreed that, unless the hostages were re-leased by Wednesday of next week, the commission would

Altogether, thousands of hippo, antelope and buffalo were killed, with perhaps 50 lion as Stop its investigations. Nobody would confirm the accuracy of this report yesterday, but such a stipulation would clearly be a face-saving formula for the Americans, who insisted originally that the hostages must be alacted as a saving to the Americans. the Tanzanian President for any soldiers who shot War devastates Ugandan wildlife (Karl Van Orsdol, Earthscan, 10. Percy Street, London, W1). be released as soon the commission begins its work.

The result of the latest developments is to dampen the optimism expressed in Washington last week about the host-

ages' imminent release. It is clear that, much as President Bani-Sadr would like the issue settled, he still does not enjoy full control in Tahen. Tehran.

In anticipation of eventual agreement by the Iranians, the five commission members were travellin gto Geneva today, and will all be there by tomorrow morning. They will be ready to proceed to Tehran as soon as they are given the go-ahead by Dr Waldheim. Support team: The five mem-

bers of the commission are expected to fly from Geneva to Tehran tomorrow in a chartered Swiss jet aircraft with United Nations markings (Our Geneva Correspondent writes). They will be accompanied by a small United Nations support dteam, headed by Señor Diego Cordóvez, a Colombian Under-Secretary-General.

The French member of the commission, M Louis-Edmond Pettiti, is coming from Paris tomorrow morning, accompanied by Señor Andrés Aguilar of Venezuela and Mr Muhammad Bedjaoui of Algeria who arrived in the French capital today by a Concords flight from New York.

Waiting for them in Geneva will be Mr Hector Jayawardene of Sri Lanka and Mr Adib Daoudi of Syria. All five were named by Dr Waldheim after preliminary consultations with the American and Iranian

Governments. In the course of the day, Dr Waldheim contacted each member of the commission by telephone to discuss their assignment. United Nations officials are unable to say how long the commission is expected to remain in Tehran.

British pressure: Britain was on the bring of resuming the supply of spare parts and ammunition to Iran before the American hostages were seized last year, it was learnt yester-day (Henry tSanhope writes). Now it has made clear to the

Iranians that it canot sign any new agreement until the hostages have been released.

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Russia sharpens its warnings to Norway over Nato exercise and creation of an 'arc of crisis'

In their bluntest warning yet to Norway the Russians today accused the Oslo Government of deliberately trying to worsen Sovier-Norwegian relations and of helping the Americans create an arc of crisis on the Soviet frontier in the north to complement that in the south.

in the south.

An article in Pravda signed, with a pseudonym used to express the views of the Soviet leadership, said Norway was joining in Washington's anti-Soviet course "without giving thought to the possible implications of this step." tions of this step".

Following the increasingly sharply-worded daily attacks on Norway in the Soviet Press over the forthcoming Nato exercises there next month, the party newspaper accused the Norwegian Government of deliberately allowing itself to be drawn into "unfriendly acts" against the Soviet Union.

The paper said this was no coincidence since Norway sup-ported the Nato decision to deploy new nuclear missiles in Western Europe, which it said were intended to achieve military superiority over the Soviet Union. Norway also supported the campaign to disrupt the Moscow Olympics and had cancelled planned meetings and

way are actually serving as accessories to the adventurist line pursued by the Carter Administration aimed at destroying international detente and unleashing a cold war."

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The Russians are particu-larly worried about the present discussions between Norway and the United States on the

Canberra, Feb 19.-Mr Mal-

more men and better equip-

ment because of the Soviet

Union's intervention in Afg-

Mr Praser told the Austra-

lian Parliament the build-up would cost at least an extra

\$A95m (£46m) in the year beginning July 1. Defence

spending would increase to 3 per cent of gross national product by 1985. Australia's cur-

defence budget

to equip a brigade of 8,000 American soldiers.

Pravda repeated charges the Russians have made recently that military bases were being set up on Norwegian soil which would remain after the Nato exercise "Anorak Express" was over. "Norway's transformation in-

to an arsenal of foreign offensive wedpons openly aimed at the Soviet Union cannot be described otherwise than as a departure of the Government from the principles of its own declared policy of not station-ing foreign troops and nuclear weapons on Norwegian soil in times of peace—despite the assurances about a consistent observance of these principles repeatedly given by Norway."

An offer to negotiate all questions of disarmament in Europe was made last night by Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister. Speaking at an election meet-Russians were ready to go to the negotiating table if Nato repealed its decision to deploy

new medium-range nuclear mis-siles in Europe, or if its imple-mentation was officially halted. The offer, similar to that made by the Warsaw Pact foreign ministers in Warsaw Moscow Olympics and had last December, is marginally more flexible than Mr contacts with the Soviet Union.

"The ruling circles of Normal way are actually serving as accessories to the adventuring that had removed the services to the adventuring that had been serviced to the adventuring that the services to the servi

that Nato had removed the basis for any further talks by going ahead with its decision to deploy the weapons. Mr Gromyko also called for

conference on military détente and disarmament in Europe, and said the Soviet Union would contribute to a and the United States on the successful meeting in Madrid of stationing in Norway of enough the countries that signed the American weapons and vehicles Helsinki accords.

Air Force and Navy patrolling of the Indian Ocean and

waters near Australia, and to increase aid to South Pacific

Mr Fraser said the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan

was the greatest international

crisis since the Second World War. "The Government has

decided that the new strategic

island nations.

Australia to boost armed

com Fraser, the Prime Minic Fraser outlined a five-year pro-

ter, announced today that Australia's armed services will get more men and better equip-

tory language towards Europe was not matched by his remarks on the tension with the United States, which he biamed solely on the Americans. He said the Russians would not allow the Americans to obtain military emericans. to obtain military superiority, and would draw the "appro-priate conclusions" from Wash-

Promising that the Russians would continue the search for agreement at the Vienna talks on troop reduction in Central Europe, Mr Gromyko said there was no road or path in the Soviet Union's bilateral rela-tions with other states that should "become overgrown for lack of use"

There is no outstanding issue of inter-state relations, no major international problems on which we would not be prepared for honest talks, for talks between equals", be said.

But the Soviet Minister gave no indication whether this would include Afghanistan or when Soviet troops would be withdrawn from that country. Norway replies: Norway today rejected Soviet charges that it was departing from its policy of not accepting foreign troops and nuclear weapons on its recritory in peacetime.

Mr Thorvald Stokenberg, the Mr Thorvald Stokenberg, the Norwegian Defence Minister, said the question of storing military equipment had been a subject of consultation for two years and was nothing new. The storing of tactical nuclear weapons had not been raised in the consultations, he said.

He added that Nato exercises f the "Anorak Express" type had taken place regularly over a number of years and that the Soviet Union, as usual, had been notified in the normal way.—Reuter.

area. Australia bas also offered the United States staging facili-ties at the Cockburn raval base.

Western Australia, he added. Australia wanted to increase

its order for guided missile fri-gates from the United States from three to four at a total

The Government would also

cost of about \$A715m.

nations, including



A section of the road through Topanga Canyon in southern California after it was washed away during six days of torrential rain in which 12 people were killed.

Zia plan to bring in civilians

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad, Feb 19

Persident Zia ul-Haq, of Pakistan, is expected to reveal his political plan for the country at the end of the month at a convention of leading figures from different walks of life. He told reporters at Lahore airport today that the proposed national convention would be convened in the next 10 days. He did not elaborate on its objectives, but indicated that the Government would invite people regarded as leaders in different spheres of life. They would include public men, lawyers, businessmen and journa-

According to reports, the convention might pave the way dvisory councils at federal and provincial levels to help the martial law regime to broaden its base and essociate civilians with government.

lists among others.

It is, however, likely that the proposed arrangement will function under martial law and though the proposed cabinets
and advisory councils are intended to act as substitute for
elected governments and which Mrs Gandhi's aides are tended to act as substitute for elected governments and assemblies, they would have purely consultative status. General Zia apparently does not contemplete a return to

representative government through general elections for a long time to come. long time to come.

General Zia parried question on a possible dialogue with the Soviet Union on Afghanistan and said it was a sensitive issue on which he would not say anything prematurely. He was a sked by reporters whether Pakistan proposed to open talks with the Soviet Union on a basis of equality of sovereignts.

sovereignty. Lieutenant-General Faiz Ali Chisti, a minister in President Zia's Cabinet, left suddenly for an unnamed Arab state on an undisclosed important mission for the President, the press reported today.

Official sources refused to say anything on the subject.

have already expressed a fear that the North will try to send a large delegation with their

Prime Minister to turn the meeting into a propaganda session as, they say, has hap-

session as, they say, has happened before.

Mr Lee Dong Bok, a spokesman for the South Korean delegation, told journalists that today's talks were a "contact." rather than a business meeting. Although the two sides had disagreed on the versue the atmos-

agreed on the venue, the atmos-phere had been amicable, some

minor procedural items had been agreed and the two sides had decided to hold a further

Anger over Indian dissolutions

Delhi, Feb 19

The bold decision of Mrs In-Minister, to dissolve the legis-lative assemblies and call for fresh elections in nine states under non-Congress govern-ments came under fire today from The Times of India, which has resolutely supported her since she launched her election campaign December 1.

In a leading article it com-In a leading article it com-plained that the move not only "adversely affects" India's federal constitution but that the Prime Minister had espoused the "dubious concept of recall" of governments no longer enjoying popular sup-port propounded by the late Invariation. Jayaprakash Narayan, which she had "rightly and stoutly opposed in 1974 and 1975".

It was no good for Mrs Gandhi to argue that the Janata Government after its victory in the 1977 general election did no less in nine states then ruled by Congress. Janata, the article said, did not possess the necessary experience to realize what a dangerous precedent

they were setting now rsing the newspaper notes that two of the judges made observations endorsing the concept of recall "which they may now be regretting". "To leigtimize the concept of recall is to sow the seeds of trouble in the future", The Times of India warns Mrs Gandhi. It quoted earlier examples in her political career where she seemed to have un-derstood that national and state elections can produce different results in a country as diverse as India and with the typical expectations of a deve-

oping nation. India must learn to work "a variegated policy in which dif-ferent parties with different programmes are in power in different parts of the country ",

It is becoming clear that Sunday night's Cabine deci-sion was taken with post preparation of the groundwork by Mrs Ghandi's Home and Law Ministers.

has been able to give dates for the state elections. Which since this country has been in a state of electioneering since last August, obviously needs to be concluded as soon as possible.

But the Chief Election Com-missioner has already started the process of bringing the electoral registers up to date and he is not willing, apparently, to go back on this process to oblige the Government. It is unlikely to be completed before the April.

Mr Morarji Desai, the former Janata Prime Minister, who when in office was careful

to avoid direct personal criti-cism of Mrs Gandhi, has now joined in the chorus of disapproval.

approval.

Dissolution, be said in
Ahmedabad, was undemocratic
but all the steps so far taken
by the Prime Minister, includvarious staff appointments in Uttar Pradesh and in Delhi indicated that Mrs Gandhi was "heading towards authoritar-ian rule".

Mrs Gandhi was today cau-tioned by Mr E. M. S. Namboo-diripad, the veteran secretary general of the Marxist Communist Party, against turning to a presidential system of gov-ernment in India. That might lead to a military take-over. "If military rule is established even Mrs Gandhi and Mr Sanjay Gandbi (her son) would not be safe", he said pointing to the fate of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto the late former Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Communists' fears: West Bengal's Left Front Government led by the Marxist Communist Party fears that it will not be long before Mrs Gandhi dismisses it (Our Calcutta Correspondent writes). Similar action is also feared in Kerala and Tripura, two other states dere Marxist Co

in power.

Protesters held: About 300 people have been arrested in Tamil Nadu for arson and vio-lence in protest against the dismissal of the state Govern-ment, the Press Trust of India reported today.—Reuter.

Informer's deals set the FBI a problem

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is looking into whether a man it had employed formation about the United States Government's Abscuroperation to work private swindles for his own financial

Several California business-Several California businessmen have accused the informer,
whom they identified as
Joseph B. Meltzer, of swindling
them out of at least \$150,000
(about £65,000) by portraying
himself as the representative
of a wealthy Arab Shaikh who
was willing to lend them
money. In reality, the Shaikh
never existed.

He was invented by the FBI

He was invented by the FBI for its undercover investiga-tion into alleged political cor-ruption that was given the code name Abscam, for

Mr Meltzer was an informer in a case that led to the Abscam operation, and a friend of another informer, Mr Weinberg, who was involved in Abscam, according to law enforcement

according to law emorcement authorities.

Some of the businessmen who dealt with Mr Meltzer said that he had portrayed himself as a top executive of Abdul Enterprises, the same company that undercover federal agents in the Abscam operation said that they represented.

San Diego with The New York Times, the businessmen said they believed Mr Meltzer had actually been working with the cooperation of the bureau and had iidentified himself some-times as an FBI informer at at other times as an undercover agent.

Some also said that until recently they believed the bureau was assisting Mr Meltzer in bringing the sheikh's enormous fortune into America.

Asked for comment, Mr Homer A. Boynton Executive Assistant Director of the FBI in Washington, said that at the time of Mr Meltzer's alleged West Coast activities, he had no association with the FBI.
When details of the federal

investigation became public two weeks ago, some of the Cali-fornia businessmen said they were shocked to discover many were soocked to discover many similarities between that operation and Mr Meltzer's. They said they began to consider the possibility that Mr Meltzer, while working for the FBI, had embarked on a private Arab.

scam.
Furthermore, they said that they had informed the FBI earlier about what Mr Meltzer was doing, but that the mureau had not stopped him or warned them not to trust him.

Mr Meltzer, asked whether be had accepted money from businessmen to whom he had promised loans, said: "Maybe yes, maybe no." He conceded yes, maybe no." He conceded that "in the past I was repre-senting Abdul Enterprises but that I readly couldn't tell you in what capacity".—New York Times News Service.

rent defence budget of \$A3,000m amounts to about 2.7 per cent of the gross national Brandt plea for

communist help

to Third World

Brussels, Feb 19.—Herr Willy Brandt, chairman of the International Development Commission, today urged communist states to play a greater role in helping the Third World.

The former West German Chancellor was answering ques-tions on the second day of a European Parliament hearing on hunger after outlining his commission's report for the first time in Europe.

He said that as time passes. China, the Soviet Union and East Europe "must take a greater share of the responsibility. We must try wherever possible to make clear to the East that they have a responsibility, not just to export propaganda."

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The commission, set up in 1977 at the recommendation of Mr Robert McNamara, Presi-dent of the World Bank, has drafted a lengthy analysis and recommendations on develop-

Among its proposals is world summit conference to draft guidelines for cooperation between industrialized and developing countries and to work out details of an emergency development programme for 1980-85. The commission also gives warning of the crippling cost of the arms race. "We are

of the arms race. "We are literally in danger of arming ourselves to death", Herr ourselves to death, Herr Brandr said today. He was elected to the European Parliament last June and is one of several development experts addressing the

announce later this year its choice for 75 tactical fighter aircraft to replace its Mirage prospects call for a greater allocation of resources to our defences", he said. Large number of lakes in

graums to increase the permanent strength of the Army vellkance facilities, would go reserve from 22,000 to 30,000, up by 40 per cent to \$A120m to upgrade weapons systems on ships and aircraft, to increase moves to gain influence in the ships and aircraft, to increase

Washington, Feb. 19.—Two thirds of the lakes in the United States may be seriously polluted by toxic industrial wastes, a report by the Council on Environmental Quality said

today.
It said there was increased evidence of ground water con-tamination often caused by the improper dispossi of barmful wastes. About half of the pop-ulation uses ground water for drinking.
"Wastes introduced into a

"Wastes introduced into a lake can remain for years if not centuries", the council said. "As many as two thirds of the nation's lakes may have serious pollution problems as a

result.
"Urban lakes are particularly susceptible to man's influence. An estimated 80 per

From Jacqueline Reditt Seoul, Feb 19

muniom today.

under discussion when they

met for two and a half hours

For the second time this month, three-man delegations from the two Koreas met for

talks to arrange meetings between Mr Li Jong Ok, the North Korean Prime Minister, and Mr Shin Hyon Hwack, his

South Korean counterpart. The main purpose of today's talks was to decide a site for the

at the truce village of Pan-

US polluted by industry

cent of more than 3,700 urban lakes in the United States are significantly degraded.

It said toxic chemicals had made fish inedible in some lakes and rivers, while four million acres of commercial shellfish waters in America had been closed by pollution.

Many lakes in the north-eastern United States and Canada

ern United States and Canada could no longer support fish and other life because of in-creased rain acidity, resulting from the 50-fold increase in fossil fuel power plants in the

last 25 years.
But the roport found overall improvements in the quality of air between 1974 and 1977, the last year for which it had figures, mainly because of bet-ter exhaust filters on cars.— Reuter.

Panmunjom or a third country.

The South Koreans opted for a

third country, with a preference for Geneva. But in today's

ence for Geneva. But in today's talks the North Koreans appeared to have forgotten their earlier offer and, reading from prepared texts, insisted that the meetings should be held alternately in Seoul and

Pyongyang.
The South Korean delegation

A letter sent by the Pyong- ground. The South Koreans yang Government on January have already expressed a fear

Two Koreas disagree on site for talks

North and South Korea failed 11 gave the South Koreans the

to agree on the main item choice of Seoul and Pyongyang,

Campaign to ban atom links with S Africa By Pearce Wright ... Science Editor

A new campaign to ban all collaboration with South Africa in the field of nuclear power is being launched today with the publication of a pemphlet entitled South Africa's Nuclear

Capability.

The document catalogues
Pretoria's resources in the
atomic energy field including uranium mines, research reac-tors, uranium enrichment plant and plans for a nuclear power station at Koeberg, near Cape

Mr Abdul S. Minty, director of the World Campaign Against Military and Nuclear Collabora-tion with South Africa, says that although the country's nuclear capacity is far ad-vanced, it is still at the initial stage of its atomic weapons

Sanjay Gandhi challenges court order

Delhi, Feb 19.—Delhi High Court today admired petitions by Mr Sanjay Gandhi, younger son of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, and two others challenging orders that they be put on trial for alleged offences during his mother's emergency rule. mergency rule. The three, who include

Delhi's new lieutenant-governor. are accused of conspiring in the illegal demolition of shops and houses. Mr K. P. Verma, the chief merropolitan magistrate, earlier this month overruled a earner this month overrused a plea by Mr. Gandhi's lawyers that the charges be dropped because they were filed more than three years after the inci-

But lawyers today asked that the prosecution plea for con-doning the delay in filing the charges be dismissed as it was based on "vague allegations".

Thailand urges Americans to give aid in good time

From Neil Kelly Bangkok, Feb 19 General Kriangsak Chamman-and, the Thai Prime Minister,

has urged the United States to give assistance to Thailand now and not to wait until it is too late, as happened in the case of Vietnam. His remarks coincided with

a statement by the American Defence Department that Washington was not engaged in "any new or increased deployment of military personnel in Thaior minimizery personnel in Thai-land".

Commenting on reports that
B52 bombers were being sent
to Thailand, the Defence De-

partment spokesman told a Bangkok newspaper: "With respect to the deployment of B52s, it is not our practice to discuss contingency planning." General Kriangsak's remarks were made to Mrs Clare Booth Luce, the American writer and former Ambassador, now visit-ing Bangkok. "If the United States starts giving assistance to Thailand now it will not have to spend considerable amounts of money later as it had to do
in Vietnam", the general said.
Unofficial reports indicate
that American and Thai
officials are discussing the
reopening of former American

bases in the country and the occasional deployment of American bombers and ships. The number of American personnel in Thailand recently ncreased from less than 50 to 126. Most of them are engaged.

more than 5200m worth of weapons from the United States, nearly five times more than in 1978. America has than in 1978. America has accelerated deliveries since Vietnam invaded Kampuchea 14 months ago.

Among the new weapons already delivered are the first 15 of 150 heavy tanks on order, 20 F5E fighter-bombers, large numbers of 105mm howitzers, artistals machine machine

anti-tank missiles, machine guns, rifles, ammunition and communications equipment. Stranded refugees: A group of 24 Vietnamese refugees, still stranded on board a Bermuda registered supertanker which arrived in Singapore 10 days ago, are waiting for a country

to offer them resettlement, United Nations refugee officials said in Singapore. The 134,000-ton Port Hawkesbuty picked up the refugees, including 12 children, from a flimsy boat in the South China Sea on January 29, while the tanker was on its way to Taiwan. Singapore does not allow any ressel to unload Vietnamese "boat people" without a guar-antee that they will be resettled in a third country within three months. The guarantee is usually given by the country where the ship is registered.

A British Embassy official said that the local authorities in Bermuda—a British-dependent territory—had been asked to consider the matter.

The Port Hawkerbury beloves

The Port Hawkesbury belongs to the Bermudan subsidiary of the Canadian company Canadian-Pacific (Bermudā) Limi

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argued that at least the first meeting between the two Prime Ministers should be on neutral World use of energy 'grossly unbalanced'

ter on energy, and from other indications, it can be deduced that Herr Brandt and the 17 leading figures from the industrialized "north" and the developing countries of the "south" who formed his commission had some difficulty in mission had some difficulty in reconciling their views on this

The economics of oil, they point out in their report, have point out in their report, have been controversial since the first commercial strike of oil in Pennsylvania in 1857. But it is now widely accepted that during the 1960s, when indus-trial countries and a few developing ones were randely developing ones were rapidly expanding their use of cheap oil, its price failed to reflect the depletion of resources. Oil was 25 per cent cheaper in 1970 in relation to the price of other

goods than in 1955. A higher price was essential to restrain consumption and to help ensure the consideration of long-term needs and the development of alternative

The use of energy in the world remains grossly un-

The fourth in a series of articles on the report of the Brandt Commission

By Roger Berthoud

From the tone of their chapter on energy, and from other indications, it can be deduced that Herr Brandt and the 17 leading figures from the industrialisms, 438 Malians, or 1,072 New York Properties of the Brandt Commission's report states. One American uses as much commercial energy as two Germans or Australians, three Swiss or Japanese, nine Mexicans or Cubans, 16 Chinese, 19 Malaysians or Indonesians, 109 Sri Lankans, 438 Malians, or 1,072

All the fuel used by the Third World for all purposes is only slightly more than the amount of petrol used by the industrialized world to move its

Developing countries which import oil derive about two-thirds of their commercial energy from it, a higher proportion than the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries (a half) or Eastern Europe (a third). While the North's consumption of commercial energy doubled between 1960 and 1976, that of developing countries trebled, but it was still only one fifteenth of consumption in the Western

About a quarter of the world's commercial energy today is oil produced by the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The producers believe that future gen-erations will hold them to blame

if they fail to manage this pre-cious resource. lem of a restructuring of the world economy, to include fairer For oil exporters with a capi-tal surplus, there is also the problem of what they receive in

return. Both the health of the dollar and the long-term value of assets acquired are critical factors, to be weighed against the arguments for keeping a depletable and increasingly valuable resource underground. Even if much new oil is dis-covered, the transfer to other energy sources will have to take place uncomfortably soon, the report says. Ultimately the human community must rely on inexhaustible sources: solar energy in the broadest sense, and new forms of nuclear energy, supplementing hydro-

electric and geothermal sources. The nuclear option must be evaluated rationally and soberty. Research on a large scale is needed to develop low-cost solar energy technology, which at some point could make many developing countries relatively well off in energy terms. The need for an international

accommodation to avert such

dangers as supply disruptions

and price surges has been recognized since the crisis of 1973. But Opec sees oil as

only part of the broader prob-

gests that any arrangement between oil producers and consumers should include all countries, not least the Soviet Union, which produces more oil than any other country and is

establishment of a global energy research centre under United Nations auspices, to concentrate on renewable sources of energy. It believes there should be contingency plans to protect the most vulnerable developing countries in the event of acute scarcity.

native sources.

Finally it unequivocally rejects the use of force by powercountries to secure oil

terms for other commodities and a fairer distribution of the world's resources. The Brandt Commission sug-

the second largest exported after Saudi Arabia,
The report advocates the

It proposes an emergency programme to get agreement on more secure supplies, more dictable price changes and more effective steps to develop alter-

supplies. Any such intervention would put world peace in jeopardy, Herr Brandt and his colleagues say.

in training and weapon main-Last year, Thailand purchased ted .- Reuter.

Sunderland shows sunshine touch against sad Bolton

By Martin Tyler

Arsenal 3

Bolton W 0

Two goals by Alan Sunderland
put Arsenal through last night to
another FA Cup quarter-final. In
the last few minutes with Arsenal
overwhelming a Bolton Wanderers
side reduced to 10 men, Stapleton
headed a third after a scramble
in the goalmouth. In the goalmouth.

Arsenai took into the tie a

remarkable record of resilience; only one defeat in their last 21 FA Cup matches. Bolton, whose seeson has been all about defeat, could not point to a single away victory on a first division ground for more than 10 months; nor had they reached the sixth round of the FA Cup in the past 20 seasons.
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The apparent inequanty was emphasized in the second minute. Arsenal's first attack produced a corner which Price curved in from the left. Young's aerial presence helped the ball on and Sunderland stooped to conquer with a simple header from six yards.

At times this season the Cup hoiders have given frustrating displays in which their organization, which is formidable, overshadows the individual skill in the side which is considerable. But relaxed by the goal Arsenal showed a sunshine touch. Brady, springing forward into the advanced positions where he is more effective, was checked at the end of a move of superb firstime passing involving Young, Rix and Stapleton. Stapleton then twice fired wide when sweedy fed, first by Rice, then hy Rix, Young affirmed Arsenal's domination with a thumping 20-vard drive that needed two attempts from McDonagh before he made sure of his save. attempts from McDonagh before he made sure of his save.
Gowling, these days reduced from his atriking role to a position in the centre of Bolton's hapless defeace, presented Stapleton with another opportunity but the tame finish emphasized the only disappointing feature of Aresnal's work in the opening half hour. However after 34 minutes Greaves offered a gift that could not be squandered. Sunderland hardly

need a map and a compass to plot the course of an appallingly judged back pass and he casually rolled in his second goal. Bolton's best moments at Burn-Bolton's best moments at Burnden Park had come from set pieces but now they were unable to mount any attack of substance in a totally one-sided first half. Sadly, too, they mustered none of the spirit that had stood their cause in such good stead on Saturday. Only more casual work in front of goal by Sunderland and Stapleton, both spicodidly served by the enterprising Brady, stopped Bolton dropping even further behind in the first 45 minutes.

Bolton were further hampered when Alladyce, who had needed

when Alladyce, who had needed treatment, was unable to resume after the interval. The centre of after the Interval. The centre of the defence was further softened two minutes into the second balf as McDonagh's determined and weighty charge to collect Brady's free kick rendered Gowling unconscious. After protracted attention behind the goal Gowling's departure on a stretcher only added to Bolton's sad night.

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With his side now down to 10
men McDonagh had to plunge to
his right to make his best save
from an Arsenal move that had its
origins in Dublin. O'Leary to
Brady and at the end of the cross
a characteristically twisting header
from Stapleton.
In their adversity Bolton responded with greater character and

from Stapleton.

In their adversity Bolton responded with greater character and twice the 19-year-old Carter caught Arsenal's defenders with their concentration lost, but he could not find the shot that bis initiative and energy deserved. It was only a temporary respite and McDonagh was called upon for heroics to force Sunderland and Rice into errors in front of goal when they should 'ave added to Arsenal's lead.

ARSENAL: P. Jenning, P. Rice, Nelson, B. Talbol, D. O'Leary, W. Young, L. Brady, A. Sunderland, F. Simplein, D. Price, G. Riv. J. McDonagh, D. Clement, M. Walsh, R. Grevyer, S. Allardye, A. Gowling, W. Walsh, R. Cantello, P. Reid, Represe ; A. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth).

Cormack takes over from Best at Hibernian

home maches".

A calf strain to Blackburn Rover's longest serving player, Derek Fazackerley, a central defender, threatens to disrupt the third division side's plans for today's FA Cup fifth round replay against Aston Villa at Villa Erk.

Howard Kendall, the player manager, will be forced to re-

Peter Cormack has left Bristol
City and rejoined the Scottish
Premier Division clob. Hibernian.
on a free transfer. Hibs signed
him last might as a replacement
for George Best, whose £2,000-amatch contract was cancelled at
the weekend.
Cormack made £12 appearances
for Hibs before moving south to
join Nottingham Forest. He scored
for Scotland, the \$32-year-old midfield player's last appearance in
the first division was against
Norwich City in December.

Chatham Tow, a Kent league
club, are hoping to sign George
Best. A club spokesman said
yesterday: "We are very
interested in trying to negotiate
with him to join us for the rest
of the sesson and play in all our
home maches".

A calf strain to Blackburn
Rover's longest serving player,

"It is side if Fatackerley,
who bas been ever-present this
season, fails a late fitmest rest on
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Ball to stay in our court, say **Blackpool**

Clubs hooing to persuade Alan Ball to change his mind about becoming player manager at Blackpool were warned yesterday by a Blackpool spokesman, who said: "It is officially confirmed that Alan Ball has already agreed terms with Blackpool FC as their new manager. He is in constant contact with Blackpool directors and is already working on certain aspects of his new post." Blackpool made the statement after reports that Jack Charlton, Ball's former England colleagne, was still making efforts to get the Southampton player to Sheffield Wednesday as player-coach.

The Blackpool spokesman said Ball was trying to contact Mr Charlton to kill rumours that he was contemplating a move to Sheffield. Meanwhite, Blackpool are still working on the contract that Ball will sign.

The Rochdale manager, Bob Stokoe, was trying to motivate his players when he reduced their wages for alleged lack of effort after a heavy league defear at Tranmere, he said vesterday:

"At that time we had only 12 fit players and you have to explore every avenue. I tried this way and it went further than I intended," Mr Stokoe said after the club agreed to pay the £35 deducted from each player's wages.

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wages.

Rochdale made their conciliatory move as the players, supported by the Professional Footballers' Association, were due to put their case before an independent tribunal at the Football League headquarters in St Annes, Lanca-shire.

McNichol back in Scotland under-21 party

lim McNichol, of Brentford, ruled out of Scotland's team for the Uefa under-21 championship rused out of Scotland's team for the Uefa under-21 championship quarter-final round march against England because of injury, has earnt a quick return. He was included in the 18-strong party chosen yesterday for the under-21 international against West Germany in Dortmund next Tuesday. Scotland, beaten 2—1 by England at Highfield Road, Coventry in the quarter-final first-leg, will obviously use the match as preparation for the second leg at Aberdeen on Tuesday, March 4. PARTY: Sannon (Dusday, March 4. PARTY) of Doubles (Aberdeen. E. Channon (Dusday, March 4. PARTY). Dusday (Ranger, Liberton 15) Jawan (Ranger, Liberton) (Jawan (Ranger, Liberton) (Redford (Ranger, Liberton) (Ranger, Li

Today's fixtures

(Kick-off 7.30 unless stated)
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Villa v Blackburn Royers.
SCOTTISH FA CUP: fourth round
replay. 51 Miren v Celts.
SECOND DIVISION: Leicester Gity v
Swarsen City 7.141: Newcasile United
V Birmingham City.
THURD DIVISION: Chester v Cartisle:
Residing (Rotherham.
FOURTH OVISION: Port Vale v
Crewe Alexandra. POURTH OF SIGN: Port Vale V
Crewe Alexandra.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Airdriesnams v Clydebark.
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION:
Cowdenbark V East Stirling.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland
division: Aivecturer v Enderby
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Herrigad v Finchion: Heritard v Finchey.

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v Curunayti (Argentina), at Mariow,
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Chiawka.

HOCKEY: London University v
RAF., at Motspur Park.

Olympic Games

Heiden's gold streak continues unchecked

From John Hennessy Lake Placid, Feb 19 Lake Placid, Feb 19

Three down, two to go. That is the remarkable record of Eric Heiden, the new all American Olympic hero on the speed skating oval here today. He ruined another good event as a spectacle, by setting a time in the first race that easily defied all attempts to

that easily defied all attempts to surpass it. Heiden is thus well on course to establish a record of five gold medals in the Winter Olympics, one more than Lydia Skoblikova (Soviet Union) achieved at Innsbruck in 1964. It would still be two fewer than Mark Spitz's (United States) seven for swimming in the summer Games at Munich in 1972.

Heiden was paired with Gaetan Munich in 1972.

Helden was paired with Gaetan Boucher, of Canada, his most formidable challenger. His time for the first 200 metres was 17.30sec, only 300th of a second faster than Boucher's, but those powerful thighs and bottom crowded on the pressure so much that the gap had widened to a sifth of a second over the next 400 metres. Heiden's speed for this the fastest section was 31.75 mph.



not this time engineer his own downfall. He had shown reasonable form for about half the race, but the third of the five bends brought him spectacularly to grief. He slid into the barrier and nearly back-somersaulted over the top. He into the barrier and nearly backsomersaulted over the top. He
beat the ice in frustration before
getting up to complete the course,
the done thing in speed skating
by all competitors, in 2 min
0.93 secs. He bad suffered much
the same misfortune at Inusbruck
four years ago.

He was afterwards I sad figure,
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this the fastest section was 31.75 mph.

Such is Heiden's supremacy, that Boucher's time, never mind his own, was proof against all-comers. The brouze medal was shared by Frode Roenning (Norway) and Vladimir Lobranov (Soviet Union). Heiden, the world champion, has now outclassed the rest of the field over 500, 1,000 and 5,000 metres. The hisold Marsball, the British entry, again distinguished himself in an unfortunate manner. In the 500 metres he had been disqualified for jumping the same misfortune at Inusbruck the same misfortune at Inusbruck four years ago.

He was afterwards 2 sad figure, angry and burt, both physically and in spirit. Apparently he had been unbalanced by the wind which was strong and gusty today direction at, for him, the crucial moment on the crown of the bend. He said afterwards that his leg was tightening up and he had reisted his back. He complained about the barriers, which were too hard. "They should be more like motorcycling" he said bitterly. "and give way. All that training and now this."

It is a long climb Russians rally to the bottom of to beat

to the bottom of the skiing slopes

Lake Placid, Feb 19.—Arturo Kinch is a one-man Alpine skii team who sold his trumpet, borrowed buggy clothes and gained 20lb to compete in the Winter Olympics. And that is only part of his long journey to the bottom of the slopes. First, he had to learn to ski.

Kinch, aged 23, is from sunny Costa Rica, where the temperature hovers near 25°C the year round and it never shows. He went to college in Denver, Colorado, and had his first ski lesson three years ago. He showed a flair for the spoort and was encouraged to stick with it. He did—all the way to the 1980 Games.

When he got to this mountain village the irustrations did not end for the lone competitor from San Jose, who lacked a staff and a coach in his first ever miornational race. But kinch quickly found compassionate friends.

Austrians waxed his skis; Americans gave him course tups; Russians treated him for a head

found compassionate friends.

Austrians waved his skis; Americans gare him course tips; Russians treated him for a head gash after a spill; and Koreans carried warm clothes to the finish line for him.

Undauted by serbacks, Kinch kept practising. It was the first time Costa Rica had competed. He was entered in three events, He finished next to last among a 48-man field in the men's downhill. Yesterday, his leg taped from an injury he received in practice, he tipped a gate in the giant slalom and fell into a snowbark. He did not field he had one field the change.

Lake Placid, Fab 19 .- The Soviet

Lake Placid, Fab 19.—The Soviet Union, twice a goal behind, fought back last night to beat Finland 4—Z while the United States outplayed Romania 7—Z as the two teams headed for the medals play-offs in the Olympic ice hockey tournament.

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Sweden swept past Norway 7—1 to remain tied with the United States for top place in the blue division and the Netherlands upset Poland 5—3, which enabled Finland to move past Canada imo second spot behind the Russians in the red division.

Canada easily defeated Japan 6—0 earlier in the day, but the Durch victory virtually dashed Canadian hopes of a medal under the complicated Olympic rules. Their one-goal loss to Finland two days ago meant they would probably not finish in the top two in their division unless they can heat the Russians on Wednesday.

Czechoslovakia defeated West Germany 11—3 to keep their hopes alive for a play-off. They play Sweden in a game that should decide who joins the Americans in the play-offs.

the play-offs.

The Finos played superb, often inspired, hockey, constantly beating the Russians to the puck. Their performance was even more impressive considering they frequently found themselves short-handed, with players in the penalty box. Kivela turned away a total of 44 shots but the Russians cound three goals in two minscored three goals in two min-utes in the third period. Jack de Heer scored three goals and Bill Klooster added two more for the Netherlands against Poland.

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The competition did, however,
hardy souls who

Ullrich loops his way to biathlon gold

Lake Placid, Feb 19.—The world champion, Frank Ultrich, of East Germany, today won the first Olympic gold medal for the 10-kilometre biathlon. It: was the second Olympic medal for Ullrich, an army lieutenant, aged 22, who won a silver behind the Russian, Anatoli Alyabiev, in the 20-kilometre avent three days 220. Ullrich, an army lieutenaot, aged 22, who won a sliver behind the Russian, Anatoli Alvablev, in the 20-kilometre event three days ago. Alvablev was third today behind another Russian, Vladimir Alikin. This was the first time the 10-kilometre event had been conducted at the Olympic Games, 20 years after the 20-kilometre blathlon, lt was also the first blathlon gold East Germany had won at the Olympics.

The blathlon is considered the most demanding of all Nordic disciplines, comblaing 'cross-country'sking with rifle markmanship. The 50 competitors sking the course had to stop twice, to shoot at 10 targets. Ullrich, world champion for the past two years, hit all five targets from the prone position, but missed twice in five shots standing.

Ullrich had to ski two penalty loops of about 175 metres, which took him about a minute, and he still finished ahead of Alikin, whose shooting was flawless. Ullrich completed the race in 30 minutes 10.69 seconds to beat the Russian by 42 seconds.

Alyabiev, who shot perfectly to win the 20-kilometre event, missed once from the stunding position and incurred one penalty loop for a time of 33 minutes 9.1 seconds. Alikin recorded 32 minutes 53.1 seconds. Klaus Siebert. East Germany's world 20-kilometre clearmolor, who shot badly in the 20-kilometre event last Saturday and ended up a disappointing 15th, fared better today to get fourth place in 33 minutes 32.76 seconds. "I still can't believe I won". Ullrich said later. "It is very bard to win when you miss twice and have to ski two penalty circles." He said the changing wind conditions made shooting difficult.

Alken, also 22, was the only one of the top finishers to hit all targets. Ullrich said he was boping to collect another gold medal in the blathlon relay on Friday. The blathlon was party spoiled for the 1,500 spectators at the Mount van Hoevenberg Stadium becuse of s power failure. The electric scoreboard, public address

Mount van Hoevenberg Stadium because of a power failure. Ties electric scoreboard, public address system and all television cameras system and all television cameras-were affected by the blackout. There was a delay in reporting intermediate and final finish times for nearly all the 50 competitors from 18 countries. The times did, not appear on the scoreboard until-most of the skiers had completed the race. Because of the power failure, only the six best results were put on the scoreboard after-electricity was restored and all results were declared unofficial at that point.—Reuter and AP.

Lake Placid, Feb 19 .- The world

The power and style of Ingemar Stenmark carrying him to a gold medal on Whiteface Mountain.

Stenmark destroys jinx on way to crowning glory

The Swede, unbeaten in the giant slalom for two years, showed none of the nervous tension that brought an error in yesterday's first run and cost him so dearly in Japsbruck.

in Ionsbruck.

Stemmark went into the second run in third place behind Andreas Wenzel of Liechenstein and Hans Enn of Austria. The quite Swede trailed 32 hundredths of a second behind Wenzel on first-run timings. But he has built one of the most impressive careers in Alpine skiding on his reputation for crushing opponents in the second run—and today he did just that, in frost of the King of Sweden who was among the spectators.

He did not put a foot—or a ski—wrong as he swerved down the track in his characteristic rhythodic style to finish almost a second ahead of his rivals. Today's run was set straight down the bill and was much more to Stenmark's taste than yesterday's tight turns. Stenmark was smiling broadly, a fairly rare event, white Wenzel was still careering down the mountain in a cain attempt to stay in touch. He had finally shaken the linx that beset him in lansbruck, when ten-

beset him in Innsbruck, when ten-

Lake Placid, Feb 19.—Ingemar Stemark of Sweden finally captured the Olympic giant slalom sid title when he survived his moment of truth on Whiteface Mountain today. Stemmark, aged 23, was a model of calm consistency as he swept through the 63 gates on the second run to win the title that eluded him at the 1976 Olympics in Innsbruck.

The Swede. unbeaten in the combined time of third-for a victory margin of three-quarters of a second over Wenzel, the silver medallist. Wenzel clocked 1min 21.32 sec today for a total of 2min 41.49, with Enn picking up the bronze. Enn clocked 1min 22.20sec for a 2min 42.51sec total.

Stenmark's performance repeat of last year's pre-Olympic event on the same Whiteface Mountain course, when he was third after the first run and wound up winning by more than two seconds. Warm weather softened the course today and it was begin-ning to get rough when the British skiers, Alan Stewart, Konrad Bar-telski and Ross Blyth, came down. telsid and Ross Blyth, came down. The difference between the Swede and his rivals was always apparent. Stenmark edged his skis only in the tightest bends, while the others produced occasional flurries of snow, indicating they were using their edges and losing vital split-seconds. Stenmark said: "I was very nervous at the start because on this hard, icy snow it is impossible to do a perfect run. It's so easy to make a mistake:" Wenzel said: "A hetter man couldn't have won a gold medal. I made a few mistakes at the top made a few mistakes at the top but it was a good run. I just lost to the better man."—Reuter.

Lake Placid results

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Biathlon

Nordic skiing

Alpine skiing

Speed skating

MEN'S 1,000 METRES: 1. E. Hesien (US., 1mm 15.18sec; 2. G. Boucher (Caneda), 1 16.68; 5 equal, R. Roeming (Norway), V. Lobanov (USSR), 1:16.91; 5, P. Mueller (US), 1:17.11; 6, B. De Jong (Netherlands), 1:17.29; 7, A. Dietel (EG), 1:17.74; 7. K. Khiboulov (USSR), 1:17.96; 10, L. De Boer (Netherlands), 1:17.97; 57ths, placing: 40, A. Marshall, 200.95.

RED DIVISION: Canada 5. Japan G: Netherlands 5. Poland 5: Soviet Union 4. Finland 2

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Boxing

Gardner gets chance for vacant European title If, as expected, Kerin Finnegau

John L. Gardner, the British and Commonwealth heavyweight and Commonwealth heavyweight champion, will meer Belgium's Rudi Gauwe, for the vacant European ritle, at the Albert Hail on April 22. This will be Gardnet's first attempt on the European crown. He was hoping for a chance to meet the WBC world champion. Larry Holmes, but his ambitions were rulned by a points defear against Jimmy Young, of the United States, at Wembley last year. Gardner and Gauwe are not the leading contenders for the European title. They are rated three and four, respectively, behind Lorenzo Zanon and Alfio Righerd, of Italy, but the European Boxing Union yesterday accepted Mike Barrent's offer of a £21,000 purse.

Roy Gumbs, who retained his Southern Area middleweight title by outpointing Frankie Lucas at London's World Sporting Club on Monday night, will shortly be off to the Bahamas to help John Conteh prepare for his forthcoming world championship return bout with Matthew Saad Muhammad. After that Gumbs plans to concentrate on a British title challenge. of Italy, but the European Boxing

the new European champion, gives up his British crown, then Gumbs would be one of the favourites to box Tony Sibson for the vacant championship. Gombs's manager, Bernard Hart, said: "Roy is Bernard Hart, said: "Roy is going to join Conteh in the Bahamas before he goes on to Atlantic City to fight Sand Muhammad. Obviously the British title is our main aim. We would prefer to fight Finnegan, but it may well be Sibson, if we get the chance".

Lucas, out of hoxing for 10 months after an eye operation said: "I don't know what the future holds for me. It is about time I started to get going. I've only had 17 fights in five years."

Oguma challenge: Japan's Shoil Oguma will challenge the World Boxing Council flyweight champlon. Park Chan Hee, of South Korea, in a 15-round title match to be held on May 4 in Seoul, his manager. Shichlro Kimura, announced yesterday. manager, Shichiro Kimura, announced yesterday.

This is Cauma's seventh track at a world title and Park is defending the crown for the fifth time.

At last James Callaghan has made the headlines

Tokyo, Feb 19.—On the face of middleweight "rookie" title by t. James Callaghan appears an knocking out Eiji Tanaka in the milkely boxing champion. A it. James Callaghan appears an unlikely boxing champion. A college education and good looks are not usually associated with boxers, but Callaghan has made a habit of being unconventional. In his first professional bout he won a title and in his fourth, despite his name, he became middleweight champion of Japan.

Callaghan, aged 23, was born in Yokohama of a British father and Japaness mother and took up papaness mother and took up amateur boxing at the age of 16 when the family moved to Liverpool. Despite a record of 24 wins, including 12 knockouts, in 25 bouts he never made any headines and returned to Japan where he turned professional he turned professional. In November 1978 he won the

victories took him to a title con-test against the defending cham-pion. "Dynamite" Matsuo, and he became the first Betton to take he became the first Briton to take a Japanese national title when he won by a knockout in his home town on January 9.

For the time being, however, Alan Minter and the world middleweight champion, Vito Antroferma, who meet in Las Vegas on March 16, have little to fear from Japan's great white hope. Callaghan's manager. Tessuro Kawai, admits his fighter suro Kawai, admits his fighter still has some way to go before reaching world class. "He must fight outside Japan, unlike other Japanese boxers who only fight at home," Kawai said.

Cross-country

Treacy brothers selected

John Treacy, twice winner of the individual title, and his brother, Ray, are in the Republic of Ireland team for the world cross country championships in Paris on March 9. The brothers, from Waterford, are both students at

Providence State College, Rhode Island.

John Treacy first won the title
in Glasgow in 1978 and retained
it at Limerick last year. Another
Waterford man, the national
champion. Gerry Degan, has-also
been selected for the team.

John Woods, who is based in

Limerick are both newcomers. Eamon Coghlan, now competing in

Eamon Coghlan, now competing in America, i not available. The only newcomer in the women' team in Carol Meagan, aged 16, a Dublin schoolgirl, whose father played soccer for Everton and the Republic.

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Show jumping

Good omen for most of the British team

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

At the halfway stage in the rundown to the World Cup Volvo, after five out of 11 competitions in the European league, David Broome is out in front with 32 points, followed by Derek Ricketts (19) and Caroline Bradley (16) — a good omen for three quarters of the team that are world and European champions, and would have been hot favourites to win the Olympic gold medals, had they not been induced to turn pronot been induced to turn pro Schockemöble Paul

Paul Schockemöhle shares fourth place, on 12 points, with his compatriot Heinrich-Wilhelm Johannsmann and Eddie Macken. The world and European individual champion, Gerd Wiltfanglies seventh on 10 points, all of them gained at Olympia (Broome scored a maximum in Amsterdam and again in Bordeaux). Of the other British riders involved, Tim Grubb is equal eleventh with six Grubb is equal eleventh with six Grubb is equal eleventh with six and Robert Smith equal thirteenth, jointly with Elizabeth Edgar and others, on five. John Whitaker, Nicholas Skelton. Harvey Smith and Graham Fleucher have four points or less, and the holder of the cup, Hugo Simon of Austria, has do points. Simon of Austria, has no points. In the North American league five of the eight competitions have been held and Bernie Traurig, of the United States, leads with 24 points, followed by three Canadians—Mark Laskin (20), John Simpson (13) and lan Millar (13). In the newly created Pacific league, Marianne Gilchrist won in Sydney and in Dapto, Australia, and is qualified to compete in the finals with her runner-up, John Fahey.

Three shows remain on the Three shows remain on the North American league—Palm Beach, which is now rumning, and two in Tampa, Florida, which constitute the traditional Sunshine Circuit. The European league continues on February 22 with Dortmund, followed by 's-Hertogen, bosch, Antwerp, Vienna, Birming, ham and Göteborg. The final takes place in Baltimore, Maryland, from April 23-27.

Lish show award: For the third Irish show award : For the third successive year, a horse repre-senting Great Britain has won the international Irish Show jumping award. The prize given annually to the most successful Irish-bred horse competing for nations other than Ireland at selected shows, goes to Rvan's Son, ridden by John Whitaker, a member of Britain's short list for the Moscow

First for Scotland Scotland will host the European amateur team golf championship for the first time next year—at St Andrews from June 23-27. It is expected that 20 countries will take

international event on April 6.

aker and Malcolm Barr, will re-ceive the award before the World Cup qualifier at the Birmingham

Tennis

All runners-up in the rain officials calling the whole thing

From Ivor Davis

Los Angeles, Feb 19

The Volvo teanis tournament limped to a soggy not altogether surprising end here yesterday before the final two rounds could get under way in the Callfornia desert town of Rancho Mirage.

The event finished up with four joint champions and was the first grand prix tournament to end uncompleted since June. 1977 when the finals were cancelled in Not-thingham. The four winners were the top seed, Jimmy Connors, the No 6 seed Gene Mayer, No 8 Peter Fleming and unseeded Bryan Teacher, who all reached Morday's aborted semi-final round. The winners of the Connors-Teacher, and Fleming-Mayer matches were no have played for the £18,000 first prize. The four each receive £5,000 the amount designated for those who reached the semi-finals.

The rain-soaked first outdoor competition of the year sputtered on and off after beginning last Wednesday. Finally stormy weather, the worst rains in California for 50 years, led to From Ivor Davis

The competition did, however, give some hardy souls who braved the damp a chance to see Connors in action. (Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe were not due to play). Connors dispatched Fritz Buehning over the weekend 6—3, 5—3.

Observers noted a much more mellow Connors, who ascreed dur. Observers noted a much more mellow Connors, who agreed during the long interruptions, that indeed marriage in October, 1978 and fatherhood some six months ago might have calmed him down "I don't play just for myself any more", Connors said. "I was never one to go out and stay up until four in the morning. But now I go back and play with my son, having my femily with me makes things easier".

During the long breaks, Connors said he did a lot of baby-sitting with his son, Brest, and watched a great deal of television. He was due to leave Palm Springs today for an exhibition match in Maryland but complained he was having difficults extitue motivated. land but complained he was having difficulty getting motivated.

Tennis DENVER: R. Tanner best H. Gundardt (Switzerland), A. 3, 6-3, Wolf-ke Flbak beat F. McNath, 6-1, Wolf-ke Flbak beat F. McNath, 6-1, 246, McNath beat F. Taybain. Deni Austria: J. Benson beat F. Taybain. Deni Austria: J. Benson beat F. Taybain. Deni Austria: J. Benson beat F. Control B. Walls, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; J. Het ISA, beat L. R. Stockion, 6-1, 1-1; S. Stewart beat C. Dibley (Amstribat. 6-4, 4-6, 7-8, 101).

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Today's events Figure skating

Speed skating Alpine skiing

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Latest European snow reports

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In the above snow reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club
of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The
following reports have been received from other sources;

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Slattery unable to spare time for tour

By Richard Streeton Fergus Slattery, Ireland's cap-tain and the world's most capped Bank forward, will not tour with

the British Lions to South Africa later this year. Slattery, who is a Dublin auctioneer, cannot spure the time to be away from work for 10 weeks. Donal Spring, Ireland's No.8, who is a trainee solicitor, also confirmed yesterday that he was unavailable for similar reasons. Stattery played in all four inter-

Slattery played in all four international matches for the 1974
Lions in South Africa and his
forceful and free-roaming style of
play will be missed. At one time
Slattery was being mentioned as a
candidate for the Lions's captaincy
but his chances of being chosen
receded when Irish officials were
appointed manager and coach. No
one country in modern times has
provided the men to fill all three
posts. Spring was less certain of
selection but the problem No 8
places in the touring team become
no easier to settle in his absence.
Injuries have delayed the final selection but the problem No 8 places in the touring team become no easier to settle in his absence. Injuries have delayed the final selection of several teams for Saturday's eight John Player Cupties. London Scottish who beat Bedford last weekend, will be without Michael Biggar, Scotland's captain, when the two teams meet again in the cup. Biggar had to have a head wound stitched after the international with France. Wilson, who was a replacement at Murrayfield, returns at stand-off. The Bedford forwards Mawle and Phillips, who both needed five sitches to injuries in the first 10 minutes last Saturday, are hoping to play. Bedford definitely bring Waller back at centre and Martin returns to the second row.

Bristol make four changes against Gosforth with Doubleday. Troughton and Rafter coming into the pack, and Harding named at scrum half, compared with the side that bear Richmond. For Doubleday, an England under-23 prop, it will be his first senior game for nearly five months after a lengthy spell of injuries. Gosforth have named a party of 19 from which they will choose: the biggest doubt concerns Bell, a prop forward, who was injured in the win against Wilmslow.

Moseley keep the team which beat Abertillery 53—0 last Friday for their the with Leicester, which brings a repeat of last season's final. Cooper continues to lead the team from full back with Perry playing stand-off, Leicester select their side after training on Thursday. Gillingham will be missing from the second row as he will be leading the RAF against the Army at Twickenham. 80

Thursday. Gillingham will be missing from the second row as he will be leading the RAF against size Army at Twickenham, so Joyce will partner Hazierigz at lock. Leicester are hoping that Adey, the former international No 8, will have recovered from a knee injury. They are also checking the fitness of Johnson, an England B flanker, who had 40 stitches in an ear injury received while playing for the British Police against the French Police 10 days ago.

St Mary's emerge from the deep to reach final By Gordon Allan

St Mary's 19

St Mary's, the holders, reached the final of the Hospitale Cup competition for the third consecutive year, when they best the London by a goal, three penalty goals and a try to a goal and a penalty goal at Richmond yesterday. Their opponents on March 12 day. Their opponents on March 12 will be either St Bartholomew's or Westminster, who play tomorrow. The result was in doubt until well into the second half. At that point St Mary's led 9-6 and the London were pressing them hard, with Condon, the London Irish stand-off, using the Carryowen kick to pin St Mary's back, Both St Mary's tries, in fact, started from the depths of their own half.

The first was scored by Sweeney, with 20 minutes left. A wild London pass on 5t Mary's 22 was picked up by McKibbin, who stepped out of two or three tackles and made 40 metres upfield before transferring the hall to Raiston. Raiston handed on to Sweeney who, in spite of having little room in which to work, went over in the corner.

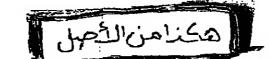
Raiston made the second try possible in the last five minutes, with a relieving kick that gained 60 metres for St Mary's, and led indirectly to the scrummage from which Jackson, their number

eight, scored unopposed in the same corner. Greenhaigh con-Greenhalgh also kicked St Mary's penalties and had a higher rate of success with his goal-kicking than Allen for the London. Allen missed more penalties (one hit a post from close rangel, but he did put the London temporarily back in the game at 13—9 with a straightforward penalty, and in the first half he converted a good my by Condon. This sprang from a heel by St Mary's at a scrummage inside their 22. The ball squirted out on the wrong side for Williams, the St Mary's scrum half, and Condon, scooping it up, swerved through to the posts. verted. half, and Condon, scooping it up, swerved through to the posts.

Alun Lewis is suit in Rhodesia but he should be back soon to take his place at scrum half for St Mary's in the fimal. St Mary's forwards played well yesterday and employed the eight-man shove with considerable effect. When Lewis is at their heels, they should be even better. ST MARY'S HOSPITAL:
Sweeney: A Thompson, A. McKibb
M. Greenhaigh, S. Davidson:
Haiston, A. Williams: M. Preskey,
Lewis, P. Shule, P. Sampson,
Mounilor, M. Hickey, P. Jackson,
Paterson-Brown, THE LONDON HOSPITAL:
Allen: M Duthic C. Long.
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P. Roderici: T. Briggs, D. Cuss.
Kerr. J. Basnen, B. Baker,
Hughes, A. Taylor, T. Lewis,
Referee: M. Frary (London)



Keeping them in check: Briggs of The London gets the ball away from the St Mary's forwards.



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The absence of Lloyd, who in-

Roberts

Test

Whistlestop tour ends with the world as Botham's train-bearer

Cricket Correspondent

Sombay, Feb 19 Embay, red by

England duly won the Jubilee
Test match here this afternoon by
the wickets, thus inflicting upon
india, with a day to spare, their
irst home defeat for just over
three years. A pleasant occasion,
it will have to be known as lan
forham's match. Few English allrounders can ever have so
dominated a game of cricket at
ins level.

tids level.

A match less typical of cricket in India it would be hard to imagine. That is why India lost it as they did. For every over of spin there were four and a half of seam. Usually it is the other way round. The only batsman to fall to a slow bowler was Lever in Monday morning. In India's two innings Underwood bowled five overs and Emburey none.

Although minkish in annear-Although pinkish in appearance, the pitch had enough grass ance, the pitch had enough grass on it always to allow movement. When I went and looked at it after the match was over it smelt of hay that has been dried by the sun. Not otherwise could Taylor and Botham have established the records they did. When he caught Yadav off the first hall this morning, howled by Botham, Taylor laimed his tenth victim of the match, a world Test record.

Most of Taylor's ten catches were easy. This one, for which be had to dive to his right, was not. And here was Botham taking a wicket even with his morning. wicket even with his morning "losener". Until today Gil Langley, of Australia, held the record for the number of victims in a Test match; he had nine at Lord's in 1956.

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Lord's in 1956.

Botham's match figures were 48.5—14—106—13. Only two other bowlers have taken as many wickets in a Test match in India—1. M. Patel, an off-spin bowler, who took 14 for 124 against Australia at Kanpur in 1939-60, and Vinon Mankad, who took 13 for 131 against Pakistan at Delhi in 1952-53. The last Englishman in 1952-53. The last Englishman to take 13 wickets in a Test match was Underwood against Pakistan at Lord's in 1974, when the covers

leaked.
When the last Indian wicket fell this morning, to Lever, no one was more obviously delighted than Botham. If Botham, who had bowled throughout India's innings,

did the main damage. Lever was a hardworking and unlucky henchman. In the four Test matches of England's tour. Botham took 32 wickets; England's other bowlers took 31 between them. With a batting average of 50, Botham was also, in the end, England's most successful batsman. "I've only seen one person to compare with him—and that is Sobers?, Brearley says of his young culossus. Needing 56 to win, England could have jost Bowtoff at 15, Gavaskar at first slip dropping a low and awkward chance off Ghavri. There was also a second case of an umpring decision being retracted, though more of that in a moment. Gooch plaved very well and Boycort quite enjoyed himself It was timely, perhaps, after Viswanath's gesture on Sunday of recalling Taylor, that there should come so soon a reminder of the dangers of this sort of thing. Boycott was in the 26s when he glanced at Kapil Dev and was given out to an appeal for a legside catch at the wicket. Al-

when he glanced at Kapil Dev and was given out to an appeal for a legside catch at the wicket. Almost hefore Boycott had time to look for the decision, and hefore he chose to do so, the umpire's finger had gone straight up and straight down. The close fielders, knowing that Boycott had not played the ball, rather than following up the appeal with another, turned away.

Not surprisingly, the howler, Kapil Dev, was indignant. At the end of the over he made it plain to everyone that he had had Ecytott given out and that should

to everyone that he had had Beycott given out and that should
have been that. For this sort of
thing to happen once in a while
is all well and good, but great
care needs to be taken to preserve
the umpire's authority. The umpire in this case, Hanumantha
Ran, as on Sunday—has clearly
jost his nerve. He, too, needs a
break, and if Taylor and Boycott
are to be reprieved when they
know they are not out, are they
always going to walk when

The international cricket world, with the exception of New Zealand and, for other reasons, South Africa, is suffering from a surfeit of play. In Australia there was a general feeling that it would be a good thing when the sesson ended. The Australian tour to Pakistan is being unwillingly undertaken, at least by the players. In New Zealand, the West Indiant are playing as though longing to be home. And here in India they have played Test matches since last September, in Australia and, for this Jubilee Test, in India. The crowds have been significantly disappointing. always going to walk when they know they are? Because they should, to be consistent.

So ends this whistlestop tour, which hegan in early November with no one knowing quite what to expect and has left a lot of people worried as to where people worried as to where cricket in Australia is going. It looked to me that if the marketing people in Australia have their way, and the indications are that they will, then the cricketers of the future will be used there been significantly disappointing. The quality is being watered



Jubilee ball: Taylor's catch in Botham's match handed the

more as pawns than as players. What Australia do to their own domestic cricket by way, for example, of debasing the Sheffield Shield is their affair; but lot their opponents be warned against becoming sacrificial lambs. The international cricket world,



world a wicketkeeping record, first ball, yesterday.

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BOWLING: Lover, 20.2 2 55 3: Belham, 25 7 48 7: Sicyenton, 5 1 13 0: Underwood, 1 0 5 0. ENGLAND: First Innings 226 (I. T Botham 114; K. D. Ghavri 5 for 52;

Hogan rises again from the ashes of Phoenix

By Peter Ryde

The career of Ben Hogan will
never die. I have the book "The
Man Who Played for Glory", by
Gene Gregston, to thank for making me think about it afresh. I
read it in Phoenix, Arizona, where
31 years ago Hogan and his wife
set out on that fateful drive east
along Highway 80 towards Fort
North. He did not get home. That
collision with a hus on a misty
morning shattered his body but
started his legend.

Although the heroic years lay
ahead, Hugan had reached the top
hefore that accident. He had just
lost a play-off in the Phoenix Open
—which even then was 50 years

ost a play-off in the Process Open — which even then was 50 years old—but he was reigning United States champion and bad won 11 of the last 16 tournaments he had played. The crash and his recovery from it are history. They even made a film about it in Hollywood

Roberts, who has been troubled by a hamstring injury which kept him out of the Test match, would weaken the touring team's hopes of gaining revenge for their one-wicket defeat at Dunedin. If Lloyd is unfit, the former Middlesex player, Gomes, who has been out of touch here, could be selected. Neutral umpires: In Karachi the new chairman of Pakistan's Cricket Board of Control, Air Marshal Nur Khan, has suggested to West Indies officials that umpires from a third country should be used during the West Indian tour later this year.

The tour will begin in the first wood.
Gregston—whose book is out of print in the United States and unobtainable in Britain—adds touches about Hogan's early days which help to explain the granite vein in his character. His father blew his own brains eat at the beight of the great depression. Young Benjamin sold newspapers in the station yard and was bullied for his lack of inches by the other caddies. from the trees and, when thieves jacked up the wheels and stole

The four will begin in the first week of November, he said, and the West Indians will play four Test matches, five three-day games the tyres off their car. Hogan was close to quitting. There has almost certainly been no greater exercise and three one-day internationals. Certain financial matters remain to be settled but "the four is definitely on," the air marshal certainly been no greater exercise of will power than his, both before and after his accident, in reaching the peaks of golf.

I used to think he fell short of greatness in one respect, that of communicating with the public, which is part of every professional's job. He seemed prepared to sacrifice the smallest courtesy on the altar of his own concentrasaid.

Dennis Liliee tried to avoid the press on his arrival with the Australian side in Karachi yesterday by first posing as a doctor and then as a team official. When reporters did question him, he said: "Talk music, talk music, I am only interested in music."

Lillee, who will lead Australia's attack against Pakistan in the three-match Test series, concluded on the altar of his own concentra-tion. A great golfer, reaching a degree of consistent accuracy never achieved before or since, but too much of a robot, it seemed to me, to become a great three-match Test series, concluded his showmanship by saying he was not authorized to talk to news-

golfing figure. Now, having read Gregston's book, I am not so sure. The sheer magnificence of his performance in the end broke down the barricade that had separated him from the public. Behind the Broadway ticker-tape welcome he was given on return-ing from Carnoustie in his greatest

slam, the Masters, and the US and British Opens in one year, by margins of five, four and six strokes with totals that in each case set a record for the event.

More certain proof that his genius had won him the friends his manner never could came in 1967 whee, aged 54, he played the last nine holes of the Masters course in 30 for a 66 which was the lowest round that year. Standing ovatious from those seated round the greens became the order of the day and, as Gregston writes, "They were laced with reverence for the weary-footed warrior".

When it comes to Hogan's trials at Carnoustie the author's trials at Carnoustie the author's tone becomes almost flippant. Of thorough research there are plenty of signs in the book, but I doubt whether the author made the trip to Scotland. Light fun is made of Hogan's caddy, Cecil Timms, who is accused of eating up Hogan's store of fruit drops. Hogan had to meet the challenge not only of the British-sized ball, the wrist-jarring fairways and unchanged pin positions, but also the challenge of Scottish food. The steak pie he found awful and the thin slices of beef with unchanging veg not much better.

But he overcame every brouble

But he overcame every trouble with his iron determination. He had come to believe that the drive had come to believe that the drive was the most important shot in the game and, when he had won, he estimated he had missed only one fairway in the six rounds he had played, including two qualifying. Whatever his feelings, victory in this, his only British Open, gave him enormous pleasure, although his comeback victory in the 1930 United States Open was naturally the one he prized most. He is quoted as saying of that great year, 1953, in a moment of rare betrayal of emotion, something which a man of his character could have said only after having been close to death: "I think the Lord has let me win these three cham-

close to death: "I think the Lord has let me win these three championships for a purpose. I hope that purpose is to give courage to those people who are sick or injured and broken in body as I once was."

It is glimpses such as this of the men behind the facade that give this phantom book its value. An autobiography by Hogan is surely in the nature of the men, unthinkable. Even this book he is said to have been ignoreant of and to have ignored. But it remains a study that one likes to think gets as close to the man as anyone has done.

Athletics

British party of five is weakest on record

Elizabeth Barnes was chosen yesterday to run for Britain in the 800 metres at the European indoor championships in Sindelfingen, West Germany, on March 1-2. But Miss Barnes, aged 23, also inquired why so mmy of Britain's leading athletes had not tried for indoor honours this season: "I can't understand why so many of the athletes who are in Britain at the moment do not want the chance to compete at this event", she said.

"After all, we will have to be

"After all, we will have to be in good form early in the season because of the quick huild-up to the Olympics. So this sort of event must belp an athlete get back in the swim.

Britain have chosen only five athletes, their weakest line-up in the history of the championships because virtually every member of their potential Olympic team is concentrating on preparation for

Moscow,
Britain have won over 20 gold medals in these championships since they first entered in 1966 and Miss Barnes and Sandra Arthurton who runs in the 1,500 metres, have a tough task ahead in trying to emulate some of the fine performances of the past by women contenders.

women contenders.

Both women are determined competitors, but Miss Barnes was ranked only third in last season's

ranked only third in last season's outdoor 800 metres rankings and Miss Arthurton, at 17, has hardly started out on her career in senior athletics.

Miss Barnes is one of two members of the Kent club, Cambridge Harriers, who have been chosen. The other is Paul Williams who competes in the 1.500 metres along with Wolver-hampton's Malcolm Edwards. The fifth member of the party is David Wilson, the Edinburgh hurdler. hurdler.

hurdler.

Britain go into the championships without a single contender
in the field events, hecause
athletes like Geoff Capes, Angela Littlewood and ludith Oakes all feel the event will break into their Olympic build-up. As other countries are likely to hit the same problem over selection, the championships seem destined to be exceptionally uneventful.

TEAM: Mon. com hurdes: D. Milath (Edinburgh: 1.300m P. William (Crimbridge) and M. Edwards (Noith-hapption and Biliton Women, Soom E. Barnes (Cambridge), 1.300m E. Arthurton (Leeds).

Racing

Josh Gifford, the Findon trainer, saddled three runners in the first division of the Alderton Novices Hurdle at Towcester Novices burdle at Towester, the state of the and third. Experienced racegoers, including Tim Forster, the trainer, could not recall such a feat being achieved before.

Ancient Briton, a 41st winner for Richard Rowe, the jockey, took command at the top of the hill and ran on strongly to win by 15 lengths. The favourite, Chen Bern faded badly after lead-

for me. Ancient Briton will have another race next week and then goes for one of the novice hurdles at Cheltenham."

ing for much of the race.
Gifford, who saddled eight horses in all yesterday, commented. "I've always liked this course, but it hasn't been lucky

The five-year-old, formerly a Flat winner for Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, was bought privately for a Cornish company director. Leon Tregaskes, whose colours were being carried to victory for the first time yesterday.

Gifford also took the second division of the nonces hurdle with Meisterninger, a 32,000 guineas purchase, also ridden by Rowe. Then he saddled the second in the seller, Eton Boy, and the third in the handicap hurdle, Shane Hill.

Tom Jones, the Newmarket Tom Jones, the Newmarket with a Towester double. His son Tim, challenging for the amateur riders' title, rode French Garcon to victory in the Shutlanger Handicap steeplechase for his mother, and Don Candillon, his assistant trainer, won the second division of the maiden hunters steeplechase on Kit Carson.

The five-year-old, formerly a

Gifford lands the old 1-2-3 | Penscynor can provide valuable form link

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent The Triumph Hurdle picture should be clearer after the weekend. The ante-post favourite. Torenaga, and Batchacre Hall, who won the Triumph Trial at Choltenham in December an impressively, are due to run at Incomplete and Section of the Incomplete and Incomplete

The list of acceptors for Saturday's race includes Hill of Slane, who impressed many onlookers when he won at Newbury recently, and Glerthswk, who has won his last three races by huge margins—20 lengths, 25 lengths and 30 lengths to be precise. Cheltenham in December an impressively, are due to run at Leopardstown on Saturday and the Tote Place-Pot Hurdle looks like being a singularly informative race at Kempton Park on the same afternoon.

In various guises the Kempton race has always been the first leg day's race with the spousness at 7.1 and 4.1, respectively. Next in

the National Hunt Festival at Master Spy also take the field. the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham draws closer. Bracketed together at 7-1 are the two Yorkshire trained acceptors. Starfen, who has wen at Kempton already this season, and Visconti. I would imagine that the course at Kempton will suit Visconti, but whether he will be good enough to win is another matter. Personally I doubt it.

With Border Incident already

Huddersfield finale?

Yorkshire may have played county cricket at Huddersfield for

the last time. Officials say they cannot afford to pay £4,000 for the

With Border Incident already committed to run at Windsor today, Dlamond Edge due to go to Wincapton tomorrow and Silver of what we have come to regard as the four-year-olds' champton as the four-year-olds' champton as the K. P. Hurdle; then it was spon of the market at 6-1 comes Penscynor, who is trained in Ireland by Steeplechase looks like being the market at 6-1 comes Penscynor, who is trained in Ireland by Cap Steeplechase looks like being the market at 6-1 comes Penscynor, who is trained in Ireland by Cap Steeplechase looks like being the sort of the stars. However, the field could still include the Gold at figure there in his own right. Cup entries, Approaching, who are there in his own right. Cup entries, Approaching, who are the field could still include the Gold at figure there in his own right. Cup entries, Approaching, who are the Hanch Bridge Hurdle. In the autumn, Celtic Isle bear Chamber by a neck at Fontwell Park. Season, and Royal Mail, so it will be which will be most welcome as ally if Parkhouse. Mac Vidi and must give Chandheer 3 in

As for Border Incident, he does appear to have a simple task in the Fairlawne Steeplechase this

afternoon. Defeating Bacbelor's Hall and Cavity Hunter will not tell us whether he is capable of winning the Gold Cup at Chelten-ham next month, but it should show that he is in the right shape mentally and physically for what promises to be his greatest test to date. This afternoon be should he much too sharp for his two rivals if his jumping is as crisp and fluent as it was when he won

in the Tow Law Novices Steeplechase (division one) at Sedgefield yesterday. He provided a first success as a trainer for Peter Brookshaw, who made a 440-mile round trip to saddle his winner. Brookshaw said : "Monte Ceco Brookshaw said: "Monte Ceco
is in the Kim Muir and Mildmay
of Fiete at Cheltenham, but I will
make a decision about those races
after he has run at Newbury in
the Palin Cornes Novices Chase
on March 1". Arctic Ander soon
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Monte Ceco gained a runaway

20-legth victory from Interstate

Monte Ceco trip pays off

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2.30 LADYWOOD HURDLE (Handicap: selling: £427: 2m)
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15-8 Vendevar, 5-2 Lombardia, 7-2 Jearlet, 6-1 Cape Hatterss, 8-1 Parion
Selle.

3.0 LOWESMOOR CHASE (£1,952 : 2m)

hotelier, and was backed down from 5-1 to 3-1. Ridley Lamb brought his Ridley Lamb brought his score for the season to 53 with a double on Bobby Brigg and Direct Line. Bobby Brigg, who carried 21b overweight, cruised into the lead at the fourth hurdle to beat Ring. Tin Tin by five lengths in the Billingham Novices Hurdle (division one). Direct Line took the Harry Lane Memorial Handicap Hurdle by a length from Priddy Friendly.

Mauriyarano, a former invatid.

Mauriyarano, a former invalid, who suffers badly with his legs. settled down in from, but fell three fences out, appearing to hamper Interstate.

Monte Ceco, who was always jumping boldly, was left in the lead and went on to make the lead and the running in the running. More Ceco who cost 5,000 guiness at the land the following the lead and the running in the colours of Don Jeffries, a bome.

Catterick Bridge programme

1.45 GRETA BRIDGE CHASE (Handicap: £1,127: 2m)



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Windsor programme

2.0 SLOUGH HURDLE (Selling handicap : £455 : 2m) 2.30 MAGNA CARTA CHASE (Handicap: £993: 2m) 201 31-2132 life of Man (CD), F. Walwyn, 13-12-0 ... W Smith 202 4 Axioc Star, R Head. 9-10-13 ... J. Francome 204 4 Axioc Star, R Head. 9-10-13 ... J. Francome 205 201120 Time, R. Barton, 8-10-6 ... G. McCourt 212 300009 Soul Mask. J. Bridger, 10-10-0 ... J. Suthern 11-8 Isle of Man, 11-4 Critician. 4-1 Axioc Star, 5-1 Time, 20-1 Smgl Music. 3.0 HATCH BRIDGE HURDLE (4-y-o: £1,690: 2m) | 500 | 110110 | Celtic isis. F. Rimell. 11-5 | Mr E. Woods | 501 | 224024 | Applejo. R. Armylage. 10-10 | H. Davies | 502 | 224024 | Chandboor. R. Smyth. 10-10 | J. Francome | 504 | Heighlin. D. Eisworth. 10-10 | J. Francome | S. Johan | Matchiese Dancer. J. Jenkins, 10-10 | G. Enright | 4-7 | Celtic isis. 4-1 Chandboor. 8-1 | Heighlin. 10-1 | Matchiese Dancer. 13-1 | Appleio.

3.30 FAIRLAWNE CHASE (£1,553 : 3m)

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Tony. 3.15 Ekbalco. 3.45 Song of Life. 4.15 Another Move.

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Worcester selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.30 Lacson. 1.0 Uncle Leslie. 1.30 Penwood. 2.0 YOUNG PRETENDER is specially recommended. 2.30 Vendevar. 3.0 I'm a Driver. 3.30 Multiply. 4.0 Royal Epic. 4.30 Harpalyce.

Sedicated results

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Proper approach to exclusion clauses in law of contract

Photo Production Ltd v

Securicor Transport Ltd

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is a matter of construction of the contract.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the defendants, Securitor Transport Ltd, from the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Shaw and Lord Justice Valler! (The Times, March: 16. 1978; 1978] 1 WLR 836), which had allowed an appeal by the plaintiffs. Photo Production Ltd, from Mr Justice MacKenna and had held that they were entitled to claim; damages of \$513.000 for negligence or for breach of contract by reason of the act of a Securicor employee, George Andrew Musgrore, when he lit a fire at the plaintiffs, factory at Gillingham while on night pairol duty, as a result of which the factory was burnt down.

The contract between the plaintiffs and Securicor was for the provision of a night patrol service of four visits, the main perils in mind being fire and their. One might in October, 1970, Musgrove entered the foctory on duty pairol and lit a fire. Though what he did was deliberate, it was not established that he intended to destroy the factory, nor was it suggested that he was unsuitable for the job or that Securicor were negligent in comploying him.

The contract incorporated a standard condition which provided: "1. Under no circumstances shall the company less such act or default by any employee of the company as his employer: nor, in any event, shall the company to the company be responsible for:

(a) Any loss suffered by the customer through attributable to the negligence of the company's employees acting within the course

loss is solely attributable to the negligence of the company's negligence of the company's employees action within the course of their employment."

of their employment."

Mr Richard Yorke, QC, Mr
E. A. Machin, QC, and Mr Roger
Toulson for Securicor: Mr Michael
Wright, QC, and Mr John Crowley r the plaintiffs.

LORD WILBERFORCE said that it was first necessary to decide on the correct approach to a case such as the present where it was sought to invoke an exception or limitation clause in the con-tract. The approach of the Master of the Rolls in the Court of of the Rolls in the Court of Appeal had been to consider first whether the breach was "fundamental". If so, he said, the court irself deprived the party of the benefit of an exemption or limitation clause. The Lords Justices substantially followed him in that are unable.

The Master of the Rolls was The Master of the Rolls was following the Court of Appeal decision, and in particular his own judgment, in Harbutt's "Plasticine" Ltd e Wayne Tank & Pump Co Ltd (1970) 1 QB 447). In that case the Master of the Rolls had distinguished two cases—(a) where case the Master of the Rolls had than an analysis, which became distinguished two cases—(a) where progressively more refined, of as a result of a breach of condecisions in other cases leading to tract the innocent party had, and inevitable appeals. The judge had

There is no "rule of law" by which exclusion clauses arecliminated, or deprived of effect, regardless of their terms, where the Roils, purportedly applying the House of Lords decision in there has been a "fundamental" the Suisse Atlantique case ([1967] AC 361) but in effect two citations extem an exclusion clause is to be applied to any breach of contract is a matter of construction of the contract.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the defendants, Securiciple to the second case. He then applied the same principle to the second case.

Whatever the intrinsic merit of that doctrine, it was clear that, so far from following the decision in Suisse Atlantique, it was directly opposed to it and that the whole purpose and tenor of Suisse Atlantique was to repudiate it. That there was any rule of law by which exceptions clauses were climinated, or deprived of effect, regardless of their terms, was clearly not the view of Viscount Dilhorne. Lord Hodson, or of his Lordship.

With the possible exception of

With the possible exception of With the possible exception of Lord Upjohn, whose critical passage, when read in full, was somewhat ambiguous, their Lordships, fairly read, could only be taken to late rejected; those suggestions for a rule of law which had appeared in the Court of Appeal and to have firmly stated that the question was one of construction, not merely of the exclusion clause alone, but of the whole contract. Much had been written about alone, but of the whole contract.

Much had been written about
Suisse Atlantiquic. But his Lordship had no second thoughts as
to the main proposition that the
question whether, and to what
extrue, an exclusion clause was to
be applied to a fundamental
breach, or a breach of a fundamen-

tal term, or indeed to any breach of contract, was a matter of construction of the contract. construction of the contract.

The doctrine of "fundamental breach" in spite of its imperfections and doubtful parentage had served a useful purpose. There was a large number of problems, productive of injustice, in which it was worse than unsatisfactory to leave exception clauses to operate. But Parlianent had taken a hand: it had passed the Unfair Contract Terms Act. 1977. It was significant that Parliament had refrained from legislating over the whole field of contract. After the Act, in commercial matters generally, when the parties were not of unequal bargaining power, and when risks were normally borne by insurance, not only was the case risks were normally borne by insurance, not only was the case for judicial intervention undemonstrated, but there was everything to be said, and it seemed to have been Parliament's intention, for leaving the parties free to apportion the risks as they thought fit and for respecting their decisions. At the stage of negotiation as to the consequences of a breach, there was everything to be said for allowing the parties to estifor allowing the parties to esti-mate their respective Claims according to the contractual provisions they had themselves made, rather than for facing them with a legal complex so uncertain as the doctrine of fundamental breach must be. At the judicial stage there was still more to be said for leaving cases to be decided straightforwardly on what the parties had bargained for rather

Harbut must clearly he overruled. It would be enough to put
that on its radical inconsistency
with Suisse Atlantique. But even
if the matter were res integra
his Lordship would find the decision to be based on unsatisfactory reasoning as to the "termination" of the contract and
the effect of "termination" on
the plantiffs' claim for damage. the effect of "termination" on the plaintiffs' claim for damage. His Lordship had been unable to understand how the docurine could be reconciled with the well accepted principle of law, stated by the highest modern authority, that when in the context of a hreach of contract one spoke of "termination," what was meant was no more than that the innocent parry or, in some cases. cent party or, in some cases, both parties, were excused from

both parties, were excused from further performance.

Damages, in such cases, were then claimed under the contract, so what reason in principle could there be for disregarding what the contract itself said about damages—whether it "liquidated." them, or limited them, or excluded them?

Those difficulties arose in part Those difficulties arose in part

Those difficulties arose in part from uncertain or inconsistent terminology. A vast number of expressions were used to describe situations where a breach had been committed by one party of such a character as to entitle the other party to refuse further performance: discharge, recission, termination, the contract was at an end, or dead, or displaced; clauses could not survive, or simply go. Some of those difficulties could be avoided; in particular the use of "rescission" even if distinguished from rescission ab initio, as an equivalent for discharge, though justifiable in some contexts might lead to confusion in texts might lead to confusion in

To plead for complete uniformity might be to cry for the moon. But what could and ought to be avoided was to make use of those confusions in order to produce a concealed and unreasoned legal innovation. If that process was discontinued the way was free to use such words as "discharge" or "termination" consistently with principles as stated by modern authority which Harbut's case disregarded.

In Suisse Atlantique his Lordship had suggested that the deviation cases could be regarded as proceeding on normal principles applicable to the law of contract generally, namely, that it was a matter of the parties' intentions whether and to what extent clauses in shipping contracts could be applied after a deviation, le, a departure from the contractually agreed voyage or adventure. It To plead for complete unifor-

agreed voyage or adventure. It might be preferable that they should be considered as a body of authority sui generis with special rules derived from historical and commercial reasons. What on either view they could not do was a last dearn different rules as a second of the way.

to lay down different rules as to contracts generally from those later stated in Heyman v Darwins Ltd ([1942] AC 336).

In that situation the present case had to be decided. Securitor and present case had to be decided. had undertaken to provide a service of periodical visits for a very modest charge. It would have no knowledge of the value of the plaintiffs' factory or of the efficacy of their fire precautions. gation on Securicor to use due

There must be an implied obligation on Securicor to use due care in selecting their patrolmen, to take care of the keys and to operate the service with due and proper regard to the safety and security of the premises. The breach of duty committed by Securicor lavin a failure to discharge that latter obligation. Alternatively, it could be put on a vicarious responsibility for the wrongfat act of Musgrove.

That being the breach, did condition 1 apply? It was drafted in strong terms, The words had to be approached with the aid of the cardinal rules of construction that they must be read contra proferentem and that in order to escape from the consequences of one's servant, clear words were necessary. The words were clear. Whether, in addition to negligence, the clause covered other, eg, deliberate, acts was a matter of construction. His, Lordship was of opinion that it did, and heing free to construe and apply the clause, he must hold that liability was excluded.

LORD DIPLOCK, concorring, and that the "rule of law".

liability was excluded.

LORD DIPLOCK, concurring, said that the "rule of law" theory which the Court of Appeal had adopted in the last decade to defeat exclusion clauses was at first sight attractive in the simplicity of its logic. A fundamental breach was one which entitled the party not in default to terminate the contract came to an end. The exclusion clause was part of the contract so it came to an end too; the party in default could no longer rely on it. That reasoning could be extended without undue strain to cases where the party entitled to elect to terminate the contract did not become aware of the breach unto terminate the contract did not become aware of the breach until some time after it had occurred; his election to terminate the contract could not implausibly he treated as exercizible nunc pro tunc. But even the superficial logic of the reasoning was shattered when it was applied to cases where, despite the "fundamental" breach, the party not in default elected to maintain the contract in being,

contract in being.

A basic principle of the common law of contract, to which mon law of contract, to which there were no exceptions relevant to the instant case, was that parties to a contract were free to determine for themselves what primary obligations they would accept. They might state them in the contract itself and, where they did, the statement was determinative; but the company to the company to the company to the company the company there is the company to the company there is the company to the company to the company to the company to the company the company to the statement was determina-tive: but in practice a com-mercial contract never stated all the primary obligations in full; many were left to be incorporated by implication of law from the legal nature of the contract. But if the parties wished to reject or modify nrimary obligations which modify primary obligations which would otherwise be so incorpor-ated, they were fully at liberty to do so by express words.

Leaving aside the comparatively rare cases in which the court was able to enforce a primary obliga-tion by decreeing specific per-formance, breaches of primary

colligations gave use to sub-stituted or secondary obligations on the part of the party in de-fault, and, in some cases, might

times statute. The contract, however, was just as much the source of secondary obligations as of primary obligations; and like primary obligations; and like primary obligations that were implied by law, secondary obligations too could be modified by agreement between the parties, although they could not, in his Lordship's view, be totally excluded. In the instant case, the only secondary obligations and conconitant reliefs that were applicable arose by implication of the common law as modified by the express words of the contract. modified by the express words of the contract.

Every failure to perform a primary obligation was a breach of contract. The secondary obligation on the part of the contract breaker to which it gave rise by implication of the common law was m pay monetary compensation to the other party for the loss sustained by him in consequence of the breach (the "general secondary obligation"); but, with two exceptions, the primary obligations of both puries so far as they had not yet been fully performed remained unchanged. The exceptions were:

generally common law, but some-umes statute. The contract, how-

cxceptions were:

(1) Where the event resulting from the failure by one party to perform a primary obligation had the effect of depriving the other party of substantially the whole benefit which it was the intention of the parties that he should obtain from the contract, the party on the default might elect to put obtain from the contract, the party not in default might elect to put an end to all primary obligations of both parties remaining unperformed. If the expression "fundamental breach" was to be retained, it should, in the interests of clarity, be confined to that exception).

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(2) Where the parties had
agreed, whether by express words
or by implication of law, that any
failure by one party to perform a
particular primary obligation,
irrespective of the gravity of the
event that had in fact resulted
from the breach, should entitle
the other party to elect to put an
end to all primary obligations of
both parties remaining unperformed. (In the interests of clarity
"breach of condition" should be
reserved for that exception.)
Where such election was made
(a) there was substituted by implications of the party in default
which remained unperformed a obligations of the party in detault which remained unperformed a secondary obligation to pay monetary compensation to the other party for the loss sustained by him in consequence of their non-performance in the future and (b) the unperformed primary obligations of that other party were discharged. That secondary obligation " the anti-ipatory secondary obligation") was additional to the general secondary tional to the general secondary obligation. It could be excluded or modified by the express words of the contract.

An exclusion clause was one which excluded or mudified an which excluded or motioned au obligation, whether primary general secondary or anticipatory secondary, that would otherwise arise under the contract by implication of law. Parties were free to agree to whatever exclusion or modification of all three types of obligations of all three types of obligations are the pleased within chilgations as they pleased, within the limits that the agreement must retain the legal characteristics of a contract; and must not offend

against the equitable rule against penalties.

The court's view of the reasonableness of any departure from the obligations implied by law which be involved in construing the express words of an exclusion clause in one sense that they were capable of bearing rather than another was a relevant consideration in deciding what meaning the words were intended by the parties to bear. But that did not entitled implied primary, and secondary intended the parties of sensing the presumption in favour of the presumption in favour of the lability insurance.

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Those secondary obligations of the contract breaker and any concentrant relief of the other party from his own primary obligations also arose by implication of lawage expersity common have but some. the express words of an exclusion clause in one sense that they were capable of bearing rather than another was a relevant consideration in deciding what meaning the words were intended by the parties to bear. But that did not emitte the court to reject the exclusion clause, however unreasonable the court itself might think it was, if the words were clear and fairly susceptible of one meaning only. In commercial contracts negotiated between businessmen

capable of looking miter men own interests and of deciding how risks inherent in the performance of various kinds of contract could be most economically borne (generally by insurance), it was wrong to place a strunged construction on words in an eaclusion clause which were clear and fairly susceptible of one meaning only even after due allowance for the presumption-in favour of the implied primary and secondary obligations.

For the reasons given by Lord Wilberforce, it seemed to his Lordship that the apportuniment of the risk of the plaintiffs' factory being damaged or destroyed by the injurious act of an

Lord Salmon delivered a con-curring speech and Lord Keith and Lord Scarman agreed with Lord Wilberforce. The appeal was allowed. Solicitors : Berrymans ; Stanleys & Simpson, North.

'Flat above office' tax claim fails

Mason v Tysom (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Walton

IJudgment delivered February 151

Expenditure by an eiderly chartered surveyor on equipping residential accommodation above his office solely to enable him to work longer hours and thereby increase his work load is not incurred by him "wholly and exclusively for professional purposes and is not allowable as a deduction against his income tax.

His Lordship so held in dismissing an appeal by the farpayer, Mr Geoffrey Mason, from Hackney general commissioners, who had refused his claim in respect of sums totalling [1,409, helding that they were not allowable deductions by virtue of the provisions of section 130(a) of the Finance Act, 1970, and section 41 (1) (a) of the Finance Act, 1971.

Mr Mason in person; Mr Michael Hart for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE WALTON said that the xappayer, a distinguished chartered surveyor, carried on his profession with Bunch & Dulke, an old established practice in Hackney. At the relevant time, because there was no other qualified stayeyor in the practice, it depended solely on the practice, it depended solely on the tax-payer, who was then 70. His job entabled a lot of work. His home was in Kensington, but hecause he was too tired to work at home after his evening meal, he took over the fiat above he work at home after his evening meal, he took over the fiat above he work at home after his evening meal, he took over the fiat above he work at home after his evening meal, he took over the fiat above he work at home after his evening meal, he took over the fiat above he work at home after his evening meal, he took over the fiat above he work at home after his evening meal, he took over the fiat above he work at home after his evening meal, he took over the fiat above her he would stay in his office and when he wished to do extra work he would stay in his office and when he wished to do extra work he would stay in his office and when he wished to do extra work he would stay in his office and when he wished to do extra work he w

that the expenditure was modest and incurred to decorate and furnish the flat solely so that the taxpayer could do more work than otherwise would have been possible; it provided a sensible environment for the taxpayer and advantages to his practice. However that did not entitle him to say that the expenditure on decorations was incurred by him "wholly and exclusively" for his professional purposes, or that the furnishings came; within the definition of "plant" used in his profession within section 41 (1) (a) of the 1971 Act.

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Sums laid out for preserving the health, strength and refreshment of the person making the expendi-sure could never be exclusively for the purpose of that person's pro-fession: they must in part at least have been laid out as expenditure on ordinary human physical needs. The commissioners were correct, and the appeal was dismissed with costs. Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland

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Capon v Rees Motors
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The Appeal Tribunal dismissed an appeal by Mr David Capon

could be excluded under other sections of the Act. Section 149 provided that the Secretary of State could vary by order certain sections. Parliament intended that there should be power to change the qualifying period from time to time. The Secretary of State had the power to do so even if someone lost a claim as a result. The wording of section 54(2) and section 54(3) a tion 149(i) was wide enough and the Order was not ultra vires. The appropriate period was 52

Leave to appeal was granted.

Challenging police evidence

stantiate the allegations by giving specific evidence to support that the attack."

His Lordship said that it appeared that there was an aspect of the problem which did not then sex-eptional. In such circumstances counsel had a difficult decision. He must warn his client that the judge probably make a very strong comment on his client's failure to support the suggestions

Lord Justice Waller, sitting in the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, referred to observations he made in his judgment in R v Callaghan, which was reported in [1979] Cr App R 88 with the headnote: "It is not a proper practice for counsel for the defence to make a major attack on the honesty of the police in the taking of a voluntary statement and then fail to call the defendant to substantiate the allegations by giving specific evidence to support that attack ".

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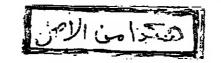
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I make no secret of a special affection for the Hungarian cinema. It is not only that the country has maintained a more consistent high quality of films then any other Eastern European state; but something in the very nature of the race seems to equip them specially for cinema. There is not a film industry in the world that has not had its share of Hungarions (we had the Kordas, Hollywood has had hundreds, from Adolph Zukor onwards) and generally has a richer film culture on their account.

Every year the Bungarian film industry invites the international press to screenings of the entire year's output. Consistently, it seems, not less than one third of the films manage to be outstanding for some quality or other-and that is a very high proportion

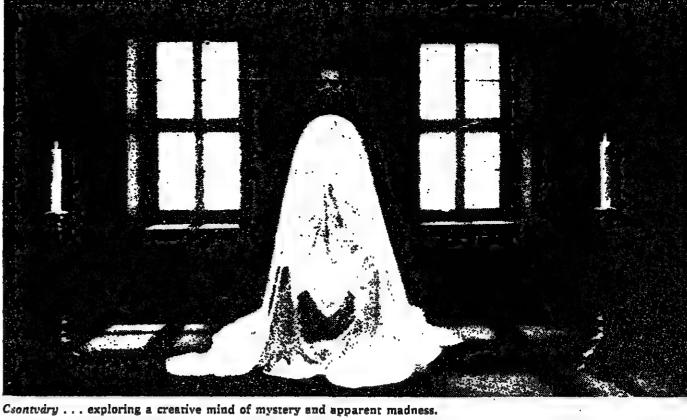
by any standards.

Currently the Hungarian cinema is faced by the sort of where. At the moment, when production costs have suddenly soured by nearly 50 per cent, the national economic situation requires a cut-back of around 20 per cent. To maintain production at the present level of around rwenty feature films will demand drestically reduced budgets, is likely entirely to preclude big-budget adventures like Miklós Innesó's diptych Hungarian Rhapsuly and Allegro Barbaro, or this year's major showpiece, Zoltán

Huszarik's Csontvary.
Economy too is forcing a rather anxious examination of the comparatively disappointing home market for Hungarian films, and the problem of reconciling a distinctly conservative audience with ambitious and innovatory film artists, who tend to be more valued at international festivals than in the rural local movie houses at home.

Csontváry itself is a film which makes no concession to its audience. Its subject is the fierce "sun path" beyond the great painter Tivadar Csont-vary (1853-1919) whose sparing oble in a work of such ambivisions and creative ambition isolated him in his lifetime, and who was denied recognition for four decades after his death by the prejudices of official arbiters of culture. Not until the 1958 Brussels Exposition was Csontvary's extraordinary genius rehabilitated.
"A typical Hungarian career"
says Hussárik ironically,

Rejecting the anecdotal conventions of the biographical film. Huszárik attempts to explore a creative mind of considerable mystery and apparent madness. The portrait is multi-dimensional: Csontvary is pro-vided with several alter egos, of which the most important is the personage of the actor endeavouring to play the role. This figure is directly based on the personality of the Hungar-ish actor Zoltan Latinovits.



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The method, and the memory of Latinovits, enable Huszarik to trace links between Csontvary and his own generation. There are citations from literature as varied as Dante. the Bible, Schopenhauer and Nietsche. Above all there are the images. Huszárik is also a painter and poet, and with his cameraman Péter Jankura creatively reinterprets the sunset over Taprmina or fierce "sun path" beyond the oble in a work of such ambiuras, passages to be regretted. Ir remains overall an extraordinary imaginative feat. Istvan Szabo's Confidence-

intended as the Hungarian entry in next week's Berlin Festival—is in contrast an au-tete chamber work, though still marked by the sort of visual excellence that distinguishes so many Hungarian films; a carefully muted range of colour, focus used with the delicacy of a painter's brush.

Certainly Szabó's best film since his highly valued Father. It is a healthy break from the poetic, symbolic distillations of modern bistory which had become his characteristic style. Here two fugitives from the fascists in 1944 are thrown together, forced to pose 25 man and wife. Each would like

main role in Huszárik's hardly madness of the world outside; but circumstances have so condicioned them to defensive mistrust that real mutual confidence evades them, condemn-ing them to companionable isothe film, traces every sign and symptom in this subtle tragedy whose human significance extends much beyond the local time and place of the anecdote.

The comparative inactivity society—is not alone enough to of the gifted Judit Elek must upply her social or emotioned be accounted a major loss tor the Hungarian cinema in the Not all the established directions. 11 years that have passed since her debut with The Lady from Constantinopic. She returns to the feature cinema with Maybe Tomorrow, a low-key personal drama of contemporary life. Two married peop!s in the city maintain a clandestine affair, with all the attendant probcottage in the country, it pro-vides fresh possibilities for procrastination (hence the title), to delay a resolution of their problems. It is a perceptive critique of social manners and hypocrisies, noting an illuminating contrast between the suppressed neuroses of city life and the passions—overtly and dramatically enjoyed—of the less inhibited village folk.

sufficient recognition. His distinction is a readiness to per-sist—in almost all bis films, and in a variety of ways-in a single preoccupation: the obli-

young, and the too-frequent herrayal of that obligation. Last year, in The Trumpeter, he used a period story as an allegory of a young man vainly seeking a consistent ideological ideal Rosza's new film. Sunday Parents, depicts the life of a delinquent girl, and shows how on the side of the girl and her peers and on the side of society—is not alone enough to

tors were seen in such good form. Marta Meszaros, for example, sppears to be suf-fering from the effort to live fering from the errors to ave-up to the exeggerated reputa-tion she has achieved in West-ern Europe with films like Adoption and Nine Months. On the Road, is an empty, over-blown, determinedly "interlems of finding places to meet. blown, determinedly "incer-When the man inherits a national" film in which cottage in the country, it pro-vides fresh possibilities for Nowicki, Delphine Sayrig) run embarrassingly amok. András Kovács, in A Sunday in October, manages to make a dull and garrulous, television-style drama out of the potentimly fascinating and hitherto unrouched subject of the final days of the Horthy regime. To compensate for these

Not all the established direc-

lapses, there is the appearance János Rósza is another director of a new director of evident tor who has still not enjoyed and idiosyncratic gifts. Péter Gothar, who comes from television and provincial theatre, deals with entirely contemporary characters and problems in A Priceless Da long after he had created the defence from the cheos and gations of a society to its is centred on a girl who can-

not quite get the right flat and the right man all together at wise and witty eye for the eccentrics, rogues, emertsiners and innocents that society is

Lately Hungarian cinema has produced a quite independent school of "neo-documentary", structuring improvisations and non-professional acta's, often playing their real-life roles, into narrative form. The leader of the group is latter Dardey, whose Stratagem recounts the battle of a woman doctor against official obstructionism in her effort to start an old doxically, is at his best when he most consciously dramatizes: and he might be better still but for his passion for films of enormous length—this one is three and a line hours.
Certainly the more modest two hours of In Time of Pence, by a Darday protegy, Laszlo Vitezy, who deals with a comparable social situation, is more instantly accessible.

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The movement has generally had a beneficent influence. Livia Gyarmathy, for instance, whose more conventional dramatic films have been fairly undistinguished, works with great success with a mainly non-professional cast in Koportos—the story of a gypsy and the hostility he suffers and the hostility he suffers when he isolates himself from the community to work in the LOWII.

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Eugene Onegin Covent Garden

William Mann

The revival of Tchaikovsky's Onegin at the Royal Opera House reminds us, as so many performances do, how difficult it is for the principal singers to elaborate a convinving impression that also belonger personation that also balances with those of their colleagues. The new Tatyson, Eugenia Moldoveanu, who comes to us from Romania via Vienna, the Metropolitan, and other houses both East and West, was singing the part for the first time. She sees Tatyana at first as a gawky, bookish, sulky, rather selfish girl, of no interest to Onegin: after her rebuff by him, sha has no heart in her party. As Princess Gremin she has acquired beauty and poise, but constantly arise in this revival, just as his stage characteriza-still remains aloof.

Her only chance to reveal the true Tatyana is in the Letter scene. Miss Moldo-veanu brought out the impetuusity of the situation, but not the warmth of heart, nor any of the smiable qualities which fired the composer. Of course Yuri Masurok's Onegin, a dapper society beau already tiring of his trip to the countryside. was right to reject her; yet why did he fall for her later? Was it only as a substitute for her younger sister Olga, with whom she so charmingly and so fatally flirted at Mme

Larina's party?

And Lensky? Stuart Burrows makes him a doring, ardent yet pompous fellow, the unly sort who would consider challenging his best friend to u duel. Yet how could Olga fall for him, or Onegin take him as a friend? The questions

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Eugenia Moldoveanu (Tatyana), Yuri Mazurok (Onegin).

constantly arise in this revival, a sign that a more positive producer was perhaps needed to bring dramatic consistency to people and events.

Musically Monday night's performance had its pleasures, not large but of attractive quality, least with Edward Downes in purposeful form as conductor, scene, with promise of expressional productions are not a superposeful form as conductor, as the stage characterization has become less stiff.

Claire Powell's Olga, very young and jolly, deliciously sung, compels attention. Miss and jolly deliciously sung, compels attention is not large but of attractive quality, girlish yet warm in her Letter scene. people and events.

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least with Edward Downes in purposeful form as conductor, welcome back to his old baili-wick. Masurok's voice is warmer welcome back to his old bailisive power to come. Mr Burrows wick. Masurok's voice is warmer may act stiffly, but he sang and more appealing than last Lensky's lovely music with year (or on his new recording), manly tone and fluent artistry.

That there are achievements they need cannot be doubted. In the company there is a vision and a mastery of cold theatricality that is worth formance. RCS/M. Davies

Festival Hall

Judith Nagley

John Passion was none the less All choirs, however, should be wary of trusting to safety in numbers: one misplaced final

The Royal Choral Society, 200-strong, and the London Mozart Players, under Meredith Davies, made few concessions to authenticity, and Bach's St. Laba Ression was possible the less.

Almost Free Ned Chaillet

Ice

In shadows, amid hanging rec-tangles of clear plastic which become ghostly mirrors as they move, a black man and a white man fight briefly with phan-toms. In Impact Theatre Company's adaptation of a novel by Anna Kavan, phantoms are the order of the day as a new ice age hastens in and a man seeks an clusive young woman be-tween the glaciers, images of ber albino blondeness and a hypodermic needle guiding him

on.
The company is a young one, based in Leeds and inclined to a kind of anonymity in its programme. The adaptation and direction are credited to " Peter Brooks and cast", and no indi-cation is given as to which parts are played by whom in the com-pany of five. Because there is no identification of individual con-tributions, the achievements and disappointments of the pro-duction must also be credited to phantoms.

for by the vitality of the contra-puntal lines, the big chromatic climaxes in the central Cruci-

fixion choruses, and the ten-derness of the final "Ruh't Wohl".

Brian Burrows made of the

watching and nurturing. There is also an inadequacy in execution that constantly undercuts the finer moments, particularly among the actors' vocalizations of what is still primarily a novelistic narrative.

The action progresses through a series of tableaux which are interrupted by the seeker's narration, by brief exchanges of dialogue and by spasmodic introductions of activity—as when the seeker roughly pulls keys away from a landledy and keys away from a landlady and apologetically explains his action as necessary in his search for the young woman. Much more of the play's 80minute progress can be credited to the frequently violent and generally evocative music by the percussionist, Ronnie Goodman, the only performer to be identified. The images and a general slowness of motion are often

effective in creating the feeling of a drugged state of being, something which the encroaching ice also reflects and which flashes of audity and violence heighten. The company do a service to

the novel by personalizing the vision so completely, but they need to match the vision with much greater mastery of the skills of per-

effortlessly with the intricacies

of "Erwage" and Helen Watts's "Es 1st Vollbracht" was one of the evening's most moving moments. Jane Manning, far from her

more familiar twentieth-century territory, sounded a shads frightened of her music, but later settled down, blending well with the oboe da caccia line. Those who like their music in season will have felt uncomfortable at Monday's concert. Although it is now common practice to perform Passion music before Good Friday, to perform it before even Lent is on us is scarcely at all appropriate and would doubtless be condemned by purists. But this was not an occasion for purists.

Fourth-generation Hammerstein faces up to Broadway

the first time at the age of 61, land. but William Hammerstein takes it in his stride and obviously sees it as perfectly normal. He is the fourth generation of Hammersteins in American theatre, the son of Oscar Hammerstein II who wrote the book and lyrics of Oklahoma, and he has been working as a producer and director all his life. The present Broadway production of Oklahoma started in Florida; later William Hamwide tour, starting in Los Angeles. It was not necessarily en route for Broadway at that rime. "I'll direct anything",

His great-grandfather, the

first Oscar Hammerstein, was a German immigrant who became a famous impressario, built the Manhattan Opera House (now the headquarters of the Moon church) as a rival to the Metropolitan and tried to repeat this success in Lon-don by building the Stoll as competition for Covent Garden. Later he started the first music-hall in mid-town Manhattan, which was taken over and merstein was asked to take managed by his son William. It over the direction for a nation-Charles Chaplin, who invented the slapstick routine of shoving cream pie in someone's face. After William, the musichall was managed by his brother Arthur, who gradually Hammerstein says, but was hall was managed by his Light Opera. He directed some human voice. It's like orange particularly pleased to be brother Arthur, who gradually shows there, and various musi-juice—they like it canned and asked to do his father's show. lost business to the newer cals out of town. He does not have the real thing. Also, some By coincidence, his brother Palace Theatre, the very house remember the original produc- of the theatres on tour are so

with pride, and regards his father's shows as classics with a permanent place on the stage, though even he admits that "there are a few classic show. "We finally got very musicals not written by my iarher ". William Hammerstein works

show. "We finally got very good singers, but it's much more difficult to find them now, because the music being in the Rodgers and Hammer-stein office, managing his trained voices. Even our show father's affairs. He has produced a large number of plays
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the New York City Center
Light Opera. He directed some
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William's son Oscar Ham.

merstein II wrote musicals with Friml, Romberg and Jerome Kern, as well as his celebrated partnership with Richard Rodgers. His son William tells this family history with pride, and regards his father's shows as class his father have been some delibertex and youth. The Palace used to turn up the amplification. The Palace used to be considered a large house, but it seats less than 2,000 and is seats less It may seem a bit late to James has staged the current where Oklahoma is now run-tion of Oklahoma in detail but big-4,500 seats in Chicago for direct a Broadway show for version of Oklahoma in Eng-ning.

"I've tried to recapture its example—that you simply have hearsals having the sound turned down when necessary. Oklahoma has a remarkably modern edge in some ways. Its

appeal is only partly nostalgic. This new production (Hammerstein dislikes the work "revival", with its suggestion that the show was once dead) got mostly rave reviews and is heavily booked. Hammerstein has already told the cast they will have a second Christmas on Broadway.

Oleg Kerensky

criminal law: people have the right to go about daily business

House of Commons

Recent events outside private steel firms had renewed public anxiety about the law on picketing and intumulation, Sir Michael Havers. Amorney General, said in a statement setting out the present law on picketing. He said: I must emphasize that the law on picketing does not, in any real way, change the criminal law and, in no way diminishes the rules which govern public order. The criminal law of the land applies to gickets as it does to anybody else.

Let there be no illusion that the

anybody else.

Let there be no illusion that the immunity provided under the civil law enables pickets to break the criminal law.

Peaceful picketing in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute is lawful so long as it is the honest belief of those involved that their action will advance the interests of those in dispute.

This does not made that the

This does not mean that the freedom to picket is a licence to freedom to picker is a licence to obstruct or intimidate—the law permits picketing solely for the purpose of peacefully obtaining or communicating information or of peacefully persuading another person to work or not to work.

The immunity from civil proceedings given by Section 15 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, does not extend to any wrongful act such as violence, or threats of violence or similar intimidation—whether by excessive numbers of pickets or by excessive numbers of pickets or

otherwise or molestation amounting to a civil wrong. In these circumstances it may be open to the employer on his own behalf or on that of his workforce to take action in the civil courts. In addition the criminal law is per-fectly clear. Each of us has the right to go about our daily work or pleasure free from Interference by anybody else.

Each one of us is free as an individual to come and go as we please to our home or to our place of work.

of work.

The law specifically protects our enjoyment of those rights. If anyone tries to deter us from exercising those rights by the use of violence or indimidation or obstruction then he is breaking the law and may be purished.

and may be punished.

The freedom to picket does not confer or imply any right to stop rehicles—still less do pickets have the right to stop people going about their lawful business. Pickets have no right to link arms or otherwise prevent access to the place they are picketing. This is not a new situation: the present law was made clear by my predecessor on January 25 last year and by Lord Rawlinson in 1972 when he was Attorney General.

If pickets by sheer numbers seek to stop people going to work or delivering or collecting goods they are not protected by the law since their purpose is to obstruct rather than persuade.

Are large numbers really necessary in the name of lawful peace-ful persuasion? They are more hiely to lead to unlawful assembly even an affray. So far as excessive numbers are concerned the courts have recog-

nized that the police may limit the number of pickets in any one place where they have reasonable cause to fear disorder. In my view this includes in the appropriate case, not only asking some of those present to leave but also preventing others from joining the pickets.

The enforcement of the low is and must remain a marter for the police and the courts. I recognize the difficult task chief officers of the police have in deciding how order can best be maintained so as to ensure that ordinary people can exercise their own rights. It is the function of the law to protect the right of people—em-ployers and employees—to go about their daily business, to work or not to work, and to make their own decisions whether to exercise those rights.

If we let go of that principle then we risk abandoning the rule then we risk abandoming the rule of law and risk surrender to the rule of violence.

I hope that by stating the main principles of the law (with which the Lord Advocate agrees) I have removed the doubts, and encourage all those concerned, whether pickets or others, to respect and uphold the law. I am sure that the great majority in this country will support this.

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will support this.

Mr Peter Archer, Opposition spokesman on law (Warley, West, Lah)—For the avoidance of misunderstanding in the country will the Attorney General make clear that what he said purports to he a statement of the law and is not in any way concerned with changing it?

It is a matter for chief constables and those concerned with law enforcement to ensure that the criminal law is administered, bearing in mind as they do that emotive situations are not always improved by introducing criminal sanctions.

Would be impress on ministers

Would be impress on ministers that their task is not made easier by inflammators pronouncements from politicians? Will be confirm that there is a well-recognized tradition that ministers of the crown including law officers and Lords Chancellor do not seek to instruct chief constables in the way they should carry out their dutie. Sir Michael Havers-The state-

or muchael navers—the state-ment is as the law is today. All of us will have great admiration for the way the police have dealt with the problems that face them. It is the duty of chief constables to administer the law but it is the

House of Lords
After Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, had
repeated the Attoracy General's
statement on picketing, Lord Bos-

ton of Faversham, for the Opposi-tion, asked—Will be confirm that this statement does not imply any change in the well-established tradition that ministers do not themselves attempt to instruct chief constables on how to carry

chief constables on how to carry out their duties? I Lord Wigoder (Li-The problem is not whether the criminal law is adequate but to what extent it can be enforced. This is a political rather than a legal question when, in a difficult situation, the criminal law is liable to lead to martyrs and when, instead of hundreds, there may be thousands defying the law. If I am right in that, among those on picket lines are professional troublemakers not restreeted in the industrial action but in sowing the seeds of civil disorder. Are not they well-known to the police in the locality? These are the pengle who should the stable that the unions firm.

These are the people who should be dealt with with the utmost firm-

ness of the law.

Lord Hailsham said be confirmed that the statement was not intended to create any alteration in the law, but to state what the law

l agree that no help is ever given to any situation by inflammatory statements. We would like to see a little support for the upholding of the law from the Labour benches. (Conservative chaers) Labour cheers.\

Mr Edward Gardner South Fylde. C)—Does he have the least doubt that if the pickets who have been responsible for violent and alarm-ing disturbances of the peace outside factory gates had not been members of a trade union but ordinary members of the public they would have been arrested and exposed to the risk of a sentence of imprisonment? There is not only no immunity in law but there should be no immunity in practice to trade unionists or others who cause unlawful assembly, an affray or a riot. (Conservative cheers.)

Sir Michael Havers—The criminal law applies to all, whether they be pickets or anybody else. It must in every case be a decision— a difficult decision—for the senior police officer on the spot hearing in mind the number of people there and the pressures that are facing him to decide what action be is to take.

Mr Cyril Smith (Ruchdale, L)—What his statement amounts to is an assertion that the present criminal law on picketing is adequate to deal with the situation. If that is what his statement menor, what do the Government menor, what do the Government. that the law is administered? Would the Covernment have naticular regard in that context to those people who join picket lines who are not members of trade unions but who are there purely and solely for the nurpose of trouble-making? (Conservative

One of the problems always is that the renearmons and those who just want to have a "beatwho just want to have a "baat-up" do Join picker lines. It may be that one may find that is the case when those who have been arrested in the past appear in court. My statement was made to remove some doubts that appear to exist about the criminal law. The Home Secretary (Mr William Whitelaw) will tomorrow be meeting representatives of chief police officers at their request to hear their views on the problems they have of enforcing the law, it is not for me to comment on

that.

Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke (Durwen, Ct-Would he keep an open nand on the recommendations of Sir David McNee (the Metropolitan Police Commissioner) on amending the Public Order Act. 1936, in which he suggests that that Picketing, as at Gruenick and other places, might be considered in connexion with such amendments?

Sir Michael Hovers-I have the Sir Michael Hovers-I have decussed this with the Home Secre-

of the Act. He is considering a consultative document on the com-Plex issues involved. Sir Paul Bryan (Hor-den, C)-Would be explain the position be-fore the law of an individual or organization which actively organless disorder by assembling but loads of pickets and attracting them in such overwhelming num-

bors to a site that disorder is bound to follow? Sir Michael Havers-The first problem is for the police on the site. If they consider sixes are chough or too many pickets there they can in my view stop the brass coming. On the position about those who organice the pickets, it must depend each day on the cir-

Mr David Mellor (Wandsworth, Fr Bavid Meltor (Wandsworth, Putney, C)—Does not his statement make it clear that what has gone on for the past several years on richet lines is and has been unlawful and that the law has not heen enforced? There has been disorder outside football grounds visited by the police with the normal weight of the criminal law, while the same sort of disorder

while the same port of disorder outside factories has been toler-Sir Michael Mavers-The law has

or nicinal mayers—the law has been clear for a number of years. One pays tribute to the TGC in their guidelines last year, when they laid them down, similar to what I have said today. My regret is that they are not any longer observed by trade unlongers. Mr Samuel Sijkin (Southwark, Dulwich, Lab)—While I agree en-troly that each case has to be

Dulyich, Labi—While I agree en-trely that each case has to be considered on the merits of the particular evidence, would be tell the House what are the par-ficular doubts he has several times referred to which have led to his making his statement? Sir Michael Havers—There appears to be, if one reads the news-papers (Labour Inughter). You have, for instance, lorries stopped from entering work; by pickets. They seem to express a view that an excessive number of pickets is not contrary to the law and may not be interfered with by the police. by the police.

The main thing is that the criminal law is sufficient to cover the various offences we have found demonstrated by the pickets over a number of years. Mr Anthens Kershaw Istroud, C1-What the country finds in-tolerable is that what he cells legal intimidation is not away with. Would he remind his

an art and involves a lot of fact as well as firmness. It is certainly not wise, in emotive situations, to react too violently.

On the other hand, violence in itself is a crime and the rights of ordinary people must be protected by the police. Firmness is required as well as fact. Chief constables can be trusted to give the right burden of both.

In different situations and in different parts of the country the art of policemanship must differ.

different parts of the country the art of policemanship must differ. The mood of a locality and local feelings must be taken into account in addition to national interests. It is not the business of ministers, as I made clear on the wireless yesterday—even of the Home Secretary, still less the Lord Chancellor or the Attorney General—to instruct chief constables in the

cellor or the Attorney General—to instruct chief constables in the exercise of their duties.

The criminal law is sufficient if it has the people helpind it. Enforciability largely depends on the extent to which the police and the criminal law have peblic support. One purpose the Attorney General had in making this statement was in appeal to the public to give support in these matters.

I can not sure about the danger of martyrs. There are people who seek martyrdom in various causes

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the law, but to state what the law of different degrees of attractii agree about the discretion of chief constables the said). Good favour of intimidation and unpropolicemanship is not a science but taked professe against innocent

about it.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Labt—Most of the contribution from the Conservatives has been criticism of the police. When workers are involved in an industrial dispute they hope to solidarity between workers in other industries to belo their fellow workers is a fundamental feeling which workers have. Sir Michael Havers—I do n.z. know whether he subscribed to the guidelines on picketing put out by the TGC.

Mr Heffer—I did.

Sir Michael Havers-There is no

Sir Michael Havers—If he did, it is a shame he is not vociferous in seeing that these guidelines are followed. followed.

Answering further questions he said nothing in the statement contradicted what the Lord Chancellor had said.

ceitor had said.

Mr Ronald Leighton (Newham, North-East, Lab)—There is a clear distinction between picketing where numbers are restricted and demonstrations which are something separate and legitimate.

Sir Michael Havers—Ton often in a number of cases nicketing has a number of cases picketing has a number of cases picketing has turned into a demonstration, and that is where the problem arises. A picket that is sufficient to peacefully persuade and communi-cate does not need a mousand or even a hundred people. When you end up with 500 or a thousand people, in my view that is a demonstration. Mr Eldon Griffiths Bury St Edmunds, C)—It is a great deal cusier to define the law in this place than to enforce it on a

Between their duty to uphold the right of pickets lawfully to picket and the public to go about their huttness in peace, the police

in the end, the police recognize this. No doubt it will be a matter discussed at the meeting tomorrow. Ultimately, their duly is to enforce and to uplied the law, and that they have done in the most difficult situations with the admiration of us all.

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Mr James Callagham, Leader of the Opposition (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—Any criticism that has come of the failure to administer the law in this difficult area has not come from the Opposition benches. If there has been any it has been implicitly by the Lord Chancelor (Lord Hallsham of St Marylebuset who has appeared to criticize the police service—(Labeur cheers)—and it has come more expressly from the Attorney General's own friends. There has been no disposition on this side to

been no disposition on this side to crincize the actions of the police. It Labour MPs have shown restraint on this it is because they recognize the difficulty in trying situation gather regether to express clear on this matter on a number

If the rule of law is being placed in some jeopardy and if the police service is being placed in a most difficult position is there not a responsibility on the Covernment not just to deal with the symptoms of picketing but to

There is a responsibility on the Covernment to intervene to bring Airs Thatcher-We are making a the two sides together and to solve the fundamental issues in-dead of scratching about with this question of picketing. There is a consultative document out which will take the law a little bit further in the direction of pro-Sir hichael Havers—Mr Callaghan talks about support for the police. The police would have been much tecting the law-abiding citizen and Bir Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab)—Mrs Thatcher should more helped if he and his cul-leagues had emphasized even once, and much better more often, what consider making a personal visit to areas of high unemployment and poverty so she can see the grim reality. We are heading for economic and social unrest which will damage the social fatric of the country unless present abrasive politics are changed.

the dunes and bongations placed upon pickets were so they could knd their weight to those who vished to picket peacefully and discourage those who want to breek the law, (Conservative Mrs Thatcher—I do not accept his premise that we are heading for economic and social unrest in any way. (Labour interruptions) I go about the country gales a lot, and will continue to visit all areas.

she is trying to create.

Pire Thatcher—I was not aware that Seatchi and Seatchi were experts in St Francis. Self-reliance and self-sulficiency are what we would expect of most families in this country. If those who are able and fit can keep their own families, keep them well, and have something left over to help themsalves, we shall have a better sometime than we have pow, (Conservative caeers) protests). Sir Michael Havers said the pro-posals formed part of a joich state-ment issued in February last year. What was interesting to bim, and what he found unacceptable, was that in the present troubles none of the support the Opposition were prebared to give at the time of their joint paper last year was repeated now, (Conservative

Pickets have no immunity against TUC asked to urge unions to follow guidelines Factors in

dir lames Prier. Secretary of Smie for Employment, announced he had today written to the TUC drawing their attention to the widespread public concern about the effects of som of the recent incidents of mass picketing during the current steel dispute. He pointed out the extent to which much of this was already contrary to the criminal law.

I have made it clear (he said) that the Government looks to the that the Covernment looks to the TUC to reaffirm its advice to all member unions to observe the TUC's own guidance on picketing produced last winter.

Mr Michael Brown (Brigg and Scumhorpe, Ci—Secondary picket-ling is a symptom of a wide-malaise—the malaise of the closed

High pay

mean loss

Excessive wage claims which priced goods out of the market would lead to increased unemployment, and this could not be emphasized too strongly, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during questions.

Mr Greville Janver (Leicester

time to consider the forecasts of

the Manpower Services Commis-

sion that we may shortly have

over two million unemployed and employed is likely to double?

In those circumstances, if she

Will she instruct the Chancellor

of the Exchequer (Sir Geoffrey

Howe) to increase child benefit

Mrs Thatcher-Decisions on child

benefit are usually annunced in the Budget. The monies to pay those benefits also come from the breadwinners of the families, so it

does not make good sense to take more in tax, put it through a hig hurcaucracy and pay back rather

Mr David Price (Esstieigh, C)—in further consideration of the middle line of industrial relations, will

the consider implementing the

former Government's White Paper of January 1969 enutied in Place of Strife? If she did, we would

cond start in the Employment Rill.

Increasing unemployment is no part of Conservative policy. (Labour laughter).

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East.

Labi—Having paid lip service m St Francis at the institution of Sauchl and Sauchl when she irst entered 10 Downing Street, she should ponder whether she is enamoured of the velfish, un-concerned and uncaring society she is trying to create.

policies are changed.

substantially from April 17

claims

of jobs

order to cross the picket lines. Does he feel that his consultations Should take into account this gross abuse of the closed shop amounts to industrial blackmail? Mr Prior—Yes this does need looking at. He would be well advised to ask those who have been asked to pay out these sums to check the union rules to see whether this is within the rules.

within the rules.

I agree with much of what he said on the closed shop. It is necessary to strengthen those parts dealing with the closed shop which deal with arbitrary exclusion or

Continental steel industries had gone through difficult times but had come through to profitability, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said during Frime Minister's question time. The same could happen in Britain.

Bearing In mind that Sir Charles Chilese original a chairman of the

Dearing in mind that Sir Charles
Villiers retired as chalman of the
British Steel Corporation towards
the end of the year, Mrs Thatcher
also said they would be culpable if
they were not already looking for
someone as a possible replacement.

Questions about the steel dispute began when Mr Authony Marlow (Northampton, North, C) said—in

the interests of manufacturing in-dustry, Mrs Thatcher should take whatever action decessary to lift the blockade on steel supplies either through our ports or steel stockholders.

She should tell the workers at

Hadfields that they can go back to

work tomorrow because she will

take whatever action necessary to

onside their flucture, Finchley, C)—With regard to the blockade of steel, a good deal of steel is still moving and production over the country as a whole, in manufacturing industry, has kept up remarkably well.

With regard to the incidents out-side Hadfields we saw on televi-sion, I cannot condemn them enough. They bore no relation to peaceful picketing which is the only kind of picketing protected by the law.

When we get scenes like that, enforcement of the law—and it seems a criminal matter and not a civil matter—must be in the hands of the police. We should give the

Minister wants union ballots

to be voluntary

tabour MPs who took the view that they had taken in the past about the law and industrial relations were doing thomselver and their country agreat disservice, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Unemployment (Lowestoft, C) said

said.

During questions, Mr David Winnick (Walsall, North, Lah) said: Legal battles against the trade union movement will no more succeed than did the 1971 Tory Act and it would be far more sensible if the Cabinet hawks like the Prime Minister drupped policies which provoke strikes.

Ale Prior—An overwhelming majority, including trade union-ists, wish to see a sensible frame-work of law in which trade union, employers and workers can

Mr Esmund Balmer (Kiddermins or Esmann Edmer (Kidderminster, C1—Does not the union decision at Longbridge, in the case of Mr Robinson, to call for a mass meeting rather than a secret bollor, with all the northibities of bollor,

meeting rather than a secret ballor, with all the possibilities of intimidation which follow, demonstrate once more the need for individual workers to have a secret ballot?

What representations has Mr Prior received on the point? Is he la sympathy with them?

Air Prier—I am in great sympathy with the bolding of secret ballots and a number of representations have been received, from Conservative trade unionists in particular

who wish to see ballots made com-

who wish to see banots made com-pulsory.

I have so far taken the view that it is better that we should have voluntary acceptance of scoret hal-lots. That is the way the Bill is framed, but I hope that when the Bill becomes an Act and money is available, more people will make use of them.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Wal-

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—Many Labour Mrs find it regrettable that Mr Prior, whom we all like and understood had fought a rearguard action in Cabinet, has succumbed to the pressures of his colleagues.

The working party document sent out today, if it is put late legislation, will mean that the position of trade unionists will be far worse than before the 1974 Act, particularly on the basis of the suggestion in paragraph (a) of the test. That is likely to lead to greater confrontation in industry. Mr Prior—I do not accept what Mr Heffer says. Furthermore, there is werewhelming acceptance of the need for certain immunities to be

need for certain immunities to be limited. At present they go far too far and cannot even protect employees who wish to go about their work and are not able to do

operate.

ensure their protection.

moment people who are still at work and who have to cross the picket line are being requested in letters from the valous to pay £5 in Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab)-Lord Salmon has said the 1974 Act gives a surrow but real immunity for peaceful picketing. Will not Clause 14 of the Employment Bill involve more people in the threat. of criminal prosecution?

Mr Prior—I do not accept that. The Bill does not make picketing a crimmal offence. The remedy the Bill gives is to the employer to

Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the

Opposition (Cardiff South-East, Lab)—Concern is increasingly being expressed about the decision of BSC to run-down the size of the ladustry to 15 million ronnes which

is regarded as being too low by many people who should know.

Is the Government intending to stand uside from this decision irrespective of the consenuences of a nation like ours which is so dependent upon external trade?

Would Mrs Thatcher confirm that it is the Government's intention to seek a leading American businessman to run BSC? (Conservative shouts of "You can have the job".)

That is a remarkable way to deal with the industry at a time when the chairman. Sir Charles Villiers,

the chairman, Sir Charles Villers, and other directors, are engaged in negotiations, to tell the workers that the chairman is going to be sacked in a short while.

The trouble with Sir Charles Villiers and Mr Robert Scholey (BSC chief executive) is that they have been too zealous in carrying out Government policy.

Government policy.

Mrs Thatcher—The BSC management is charged with the duty of running the corporation and we have not so far interfered with their decisions. (Labour interruations.) Some difficult force on rundown have to be taken—he.had to take some in his constituency himelf. We have provided some 148m for Wales to help with the

E48m for Wales to help with the effects of the rundown in steel

mean severe inconvenience and possibly long travel for pensioners, the disabled, and mothers, his stanley Orme, their Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said.

security, said.

He was moving an Opposition motion asking the House to reengnize the importance of the sub-post office network i the iff f ununban

ansurcounities, motion opposed any moves by the Covernment which could weaken the system of

weekly payments to pensioners, mothers, and other benefit reci-pients through those offices.

pients through those offices.

He said that payments of benefits had traditionally been on a weekly basis and the population had become accustomed to that. It was strange that in a marter like the review of sub-post offices in which Sir Derek Rayner had said he wanted the widest consultation.

which six berek kayner not said he wanted the widest consultation. Sir William Barlow. Chairman of the Post Office, had not been consulted, at least up to January 31.

There was no similar korvice in any other state where post offices and sub-post offices played such a key part. They went far heyond paying out weekly benefits but advised on changes in the law. There had already been a reduction in the number of post offices from about 26,000 a few years ago to 21,000 now.

A further reduction would meen severe inconvenience and possibly long travel for pensioners and disabled and for mothers. Where they were closed and people travelled to

abled and for mothers. Where they were closed and people travelled to others they could find them croweded. They were taling about a large percentage of people who needed their money weekly and spent it weekly, and who did not have bank accounts.

With the current inflation, the threat of increased school mericharges and charges for school transport I twould be laughtible, if it were not so serious, to have they

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it were not so serious, to have they payments made monthly.
There were wider social imminations. There was a confinual transferance in society from the small to the large. But while supermarkets were excellent for many things that did not include being a post office. They would not be able to give the type of service on offernow.

now.

The pendoner or mother with a small bank account would face bank charges of 20p a time.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services (Red-bridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C) moved an amendment that the House insisted that the Govern-ment, in making any changes in

ment, in making any changes in the system of paying pensions and benefits intended to give recipients wider choice as to the method of payment and to save administrative costs, ensured the continuance of sub-post office network, welcomed the Government's commitment to explore ways of bringing new business to sub-post offices. He cald something like 1,000 million social security payments were made each year to about 18 million people and their dependents. The administrative costs of the exercise amounted to 5750m, a

dents. The administrative costs of the exercise amounted to £750m, a third of which was the cost of paying the benefits. It was about the equivalent to the cost of building five big new hospitals every year. The more order-books that were issued the more it cost the tax-

payer.

In a system which had been virtually unchanged for a number

Exclusion clauses

of paying pensions

Any reduction in the number of of years even quite small improve-sub-post offices at which pensions ments in efficiency could save the and allowances were paid could mypayer worthwhile sums.

weak and inadequare in dealing with the leved shop. It is also a clease with poses a fundamental consututiolal danger in that it leaves the ludges to decide a most important voluncal principle and will thus lying them once again into the political arena damaging the rule of the

Mr Prior-I'do not accept that Clause 3, is from weak. Nor do 1 accept, when been aimingine a code of practice, that there is any need for it to heinsthe judges into the political arema.

Bill gives is to the employer to take civil proceedings to restrain secondary picketing.

Mr Nicholas Endgen (Wolver-take of expulsions and exclusions hampton, South-West, C) Clause 3 in the Employment Bill is both

Difficult decisions to be taken on rundown of steel industry

Mrs. Thatcher has a direct

responsibility for the size of the

industry. It is a strategic industry,

It is not one in which investment

can be left to the basis of market

profitability in our country. The

Government ought to satisfy its

ments in efficiency could save the mysager worthwhile sums.

A study found that the annual cost of making payments weekly by order hook was about \$10 whereas paying by direct credit to a bank would have cost about \$2 a year. It found that half the adult requirements may need on collection may need on collection and that half the adult requirements may need on collection to the need of the collection may need on collection that the safety and the collection may need on collection that the safety of the collection may need on collection that the collection collection that the collection collection are the collection to the collection that the collection collection that the collection collection collection that the collection that the collection collection collection that the collection collection collection that the collection collection

population now used an ordinary bank account with a cheque book. About threequorters had access

About threequarters had access either to a cheque account or some other form of account such as savings bank or hudding society.

Against their background the study suggested that benefits might be paid tess frequently and the public should be able to have the benefits paid directly into the bank, or some other account if they so wished. They found this could crentually result to savings of up to £50m a year at roday's prices.

prices, Ministers had reached no decla-

of weeks.

If they did decide to go shead it would be bound to be a long-drawn-out process. All they had at present was a review conducted by officials, no more. Still less

about the future size of thus qu

dustry.

that the position of the chairman must not be undermided. He and the trade union leaders half a lob to settle, this strike. I half every confidence in him to do se. Cabinet (he went on) and join with his anonymous friends in rejecting the A level economics of the Treatury bench and replace it by an economic policy strategy with the employment instead of deflation, unemployment and conflict? (Labour cheers.) With regard to the outprompearing in mind Sir Charles gives towards the end of the rest we would be culpable if we were not already icolang for someone as a possible replacement.

Mr Nicholas Scott (Kensington and Chelsea. C)—it does not lie in the mouths of the Opposition to raise the question of unemployment when they presided over a doubling of it. (Conservative cheers.)

Two obstacles to reducing it are the high levels of wage settlements and interest rates.

Mrs Thatcher-There is no ques of Sir. Charles Villers as charman of the BSC. I empres my confidence in him. I hope he and the steel workers will get together to settle this strike. The size of an industry, is determined by what it can sell and

quality and delivery dates of its products. Other steel industries on into account. I agree with Mr Scott's other, point. the continent have gone through Mr Prior, in response to a further question, said: We will not get out there. difficult times and steadily come.
On the BSC chairmanship, I through to profitability. I believe entirely agree with Mr Callaghan that ours can do the same. No decision on method

Mr Robert Dunn (Darrford, C) taild the uncomployment figures published by the department were tundamentally bogus because they made no distinction between those who were geninely and anxillingly unemployed and those win pare willingly unemployed and these members of the black

incomployment figures were com-

remain upwards until the world attack until the property and we stop luying other people's goods and make them buy more of our own. Hr Eric Variey, chief Opposition giokesman on employment (Ches-ierfield, Lab)—A year ago the minister made the hold forecast that a Tory Government would fimulate the economy and create a

Has not the opposite occurred marine inflation, production and intestment falling and record in prest rates that are destroying small businesses and jobs? Now we are heading for two million unemployed and the collapse of the economy. Should the minister not hing his head in shame? (Labour three's)

The only contender to replace the Andover aircraft in the Queen's Flight was the BAe I-II which would shortly ceare production in this country, Mr Geotfrey Patite. Under Secretary for the RAF (Chertsey and Walton, C) said during the adjournment debate late on Monday.

Switch to gold only possible by US

What about the people on the other side?

Lord Hailsham—Those arrested, and presumably those who have caused offences, are not the workers themselves, nor even the uninvited guests led by Lord Sear-

Unless and until gold is accepted as the standard measuring rod, no so-called monetary policy can ever succeed and there is no way of avoiding further inflation and higher unemployment. Lord Cockfield—I would be mis-leading Lord Boothby if I sug-cested that his views were shared by the Government. (Renewed laughter.)

that felt themselves affected, with representatives of pensioners and other beneficiaries. There would be sto decision on going ahead without full debate and coment of

without full debate and coment of the House.

Ministers knew that sub-post offices provided an estential service. Any significant closures of them would be wholly laconsistent with the Government's nim to sustaining local communities and the services on which they demented. depended.
The Government would have been failing in its responsibility if it had not considered carefully the proposals which emerged from

the proposals which emerged from the review. There was a growing demand for direct payment into bank accounts. A growing number of people were becoming used to being paid fortnightly or monthly. In a market research study something like three-fifths of pensioners and four-fifths of mothers, said they would have little difficulty if the payments were made fortnightly. formightly.
Ministers had made it clear to

Ministers had made it clear to officials that some groups, particularly the very old, must be able to continue with weekly payments if they wished. There was no question of requiring anyone to use a bank account. Anyone who wanted to continue to draw cash over the past office counter could continue to do so, although the proposal in the study was that for most people that would be fortuightly ather than weekly. would be formigney
weekly.

It was possible to give people
more choice, to save taxpayers
money and to protect the network
of sub-post offices and the
Government must be free to explore that.

Government must be free to explore that.

If pensions were paid by direct credit into a giro occount pensioners would be freeto draw cash in any amount and it times suiting their convenienc;. There was no way under the present system that a pensioner could draw less than the full weekly pension and leave the balance to accumulate. The Opposition motion was rejected by 317 votes to 269-Government majority, 46, and the Government amendment agreed to.

Disturbing' redundances

Mr James Lestor, Juder Secretary for Employment, sid the number of proposed redundancies notified to his department under the redundancy handling provisions of the Employment Protection Act. 1975 during the period May 1979 to January 31, 1980, was 47,545 involving 7,510 establishments.

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Mr Robert Kiltorskitk (Ormskirk, Lab)—These figures are extremely disturbing. Would he stop threatening the trade unions and deal puts the matter into perspective.

in those circumstances, it she accepts those figures, does she think now would be a good time to release thousands of jobs to young people by allowing men over 60 who wish to retire to do Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley Ci-I have dever made forecasts for unemployment as he knows. I hope those for the first quarter of 1961 will turn out to be unfounded. are frequently being placed in a quite impossible position. Sir Michael Havers-it is a particularly difficult decision to make

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—I relieve that Canada yesterday got rid of a government obsessed with exactly the same disastrous economic doctrine after a mercifully short spell in office. (Labour cheers). Will she provide at least some of the British electorate with a

similar opportunity to voice judg-ment by delaying no longer hold-ing the Southend by election? Mrs Thatcher—He forgets that we were returned with a very con-vincing majority. [Conservative Mr David Stoddarf (Swindon, Lah) -Families are ravaged by infla-tion, high rents, high mortgage charges, additional school meal and transport charges. They are getting a bad deal.

to administer the law where large bodies of men who rightly or wrough feel indignous about the My own attitude has been made

deal with the real fundamental issue—namely, how this steel strike is going to be solved? (Labour cheers and Conservative

interruptions).

the duries and obligations placed

Mr Callaghan says that the rule of law is placed in jeopardy and that it is the responsibility of the Government to change that. He is really saying that we must sur-

render.

Mr Caliaghan said that while the Opposition wanted full support for the TUC guide on picketing, and he had called for it himself on television last night, this was part of a much wider contract with the trade unions. If the trade unions (he added)

If the trade unions (he added) are to be invited to give their full support on this they should not be shown the door to 10 Downing Street and shut outside on all the other economic usues. The Prime Minister is failing to show a sense of responsibility in this matter. I Labour cheers and Conservative property.

Police using firmness and tact

people is the kind of church to which few of us would care to belong, even if the extent of it led to martyrdom.

I so told that of those arrestril.

I am told that of those arrested, a high proportion had nothing to do with the steel dispute or any organized trade union. They were there to make throuble and they received it and I hope they will continue to receive it.

But those who have nothing to do with a dispute and join the crowd make it easier for the troublemakers. In a rendom groun of

lemakers, in a random group of 2,690 it is almost inevitable that you get one or two hot headed people behaving fooliship and when violence breaks out, it

Lord Shinwell (Lab)—If, as Lord

Hallsham says, the criminal law is available and adequate, what is the

precise purpose of making the statement today? Is it not in contemplation of the intention to make the law more adequate and cusure that it is going to be enforceable?

Are the workers entirely to blame? Or even the Scaraille? What about the people on the

Relying on competition rather than price control Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said the

Prices were a vital issue in the average household. Lord Wallace of Costany, for the Opposition, said during the committee stage of the Competition Bill. Housewives looked to the Government for action, but the only action they had was the Government forcing up prices by 12 per cent VAT and ordering a gas price increase against the wishes of the gas board.

board.

He said fair pricing took a back ceat in the Bill and Clause 1: Abolition of Price Commission) ruled out any effective measure of price procection for the consumer. There was no doubt that the work of the Price Commission played a vital part during the effective period of wage restraint under the Lahour Government and to abolish it was not only an error of judge-

lors Boyd-Carpenter (C) said the Price Commission was the clum-iest and bluntest instrument that anyone could have invented for the purpose. Whatever might be said for a system of price control in theory, the elimination of the Price Commission had been greeted with a gasp of relief by British industry. Viscount Trenchard, Minister of State for Industry, said the object of the Bill was to rely on competition and ensure that it worked. Many other countries whose inflation rates were low depended on competition and not on price control.

Mr Greville Jamer (Leicester, West, Lab) was given leave to bring in a Bill to remove the effect of certain exclusion clauses on in-surance polices. The clause was carried by 121 votes to 61—Government majority, 60.

The United States was the only country with the economic strength and quantities of cold required to make a decision on remonetizing cold and there was no reason to believe she had changed her policy on the matter. Lord Cockfield. Minister of State, Treasury, said,

Lord Roothby had asked the Control of the reasons for a return, not to the old, rigid gold standard but to a gold exchange standard with gold at a realistic price. These reasons remonetizing cold and there was no reason to believe she had changed her policy on the matter. Lord Ceckfield, Minister of State, Treasury, said,

Lord Boothby had asked the Government to bring pressure on the last week, (Laughter.)

remain upwards until the world stuation improved. Mr james Prior, Secretary of State for Employment (Lowestoft, C), said Employment (Lowestoff, C). Salutat question time.

He informed Mr Kenneth Woodmer (Batley and Morfer, Lab) that in January there were 1,404,359 people registered as unemployed in Great Britain; the number of nontiled unfilled vacancias were 134,626 at employment offices and 19,147 at career lefting. Mr Woolmer-Will he confirm that the Government is working on the assumption of two million unem-ployed by early next year? He asked if Mr Prior had seen a business forecast of 500,000 more unemployed this year. Will be assert himself in the Cabinet (he went on) and join with

The unemployment trend was upwards at the moment and would

upward

trend of

iobless

Mr Prior—The public expenditure White Paper announced that the figure the Government was working un for 1980-81 was 1,550.063 This is consistent with the forecast made by the Maupower Services Commission which was available to Mr Cattaghan—Surely, it is under-mining his position if these scores are allowed to leak from Gosely-ment sources, in the middle of negotiations he is conducting. Has she any idea from which of her ministers these stories came because it is underming the posi-tion of Sir Charles Villiers?

I have never sought to conceal from the House that unemploy meat in the world situation we face a bound to rise.

Mr Prior Both of these are o great importance. If we could get our interest rates down—and this is part of the policy of reducing public expenditure to enable inc public sector borrowing requirement to come down-it would be an enormous aid to employment it is one of the factors I have to be.

of our problems of unemployment or any other problem by simply thacking that we can spend name Government money to do so. That is precisely why loterest rates are so high and unemployment is created because of it.

were members of the hack residency. He Prior said there was always a good deal of argument about how

They are reliable as a trend the hald and the trend is regrettably appeared or the moment and will

Mr Prior-The only mistake I

made was to be more optimistic than I should have been shout the sate of the economy when we took over from Labour. (Conservative chaers.) One contender

for a new Queen's flight

The Andover, which had been in service since 1964, was getting on in years by modern standards and was less than ideal as regards operating height and cruising

A study of possible replacements of the alteralt had not yet reached

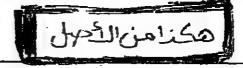
of the aircraft had not yet reached the stage where he could make a statement or undicipate its outcome. Any proposal to resquip the flight must be considered alongside other demands on the defence budget.

The BAs I-II was a good sircraft with superior range and payload to the Andover. Procurement would be an excellent advertisement for British products.

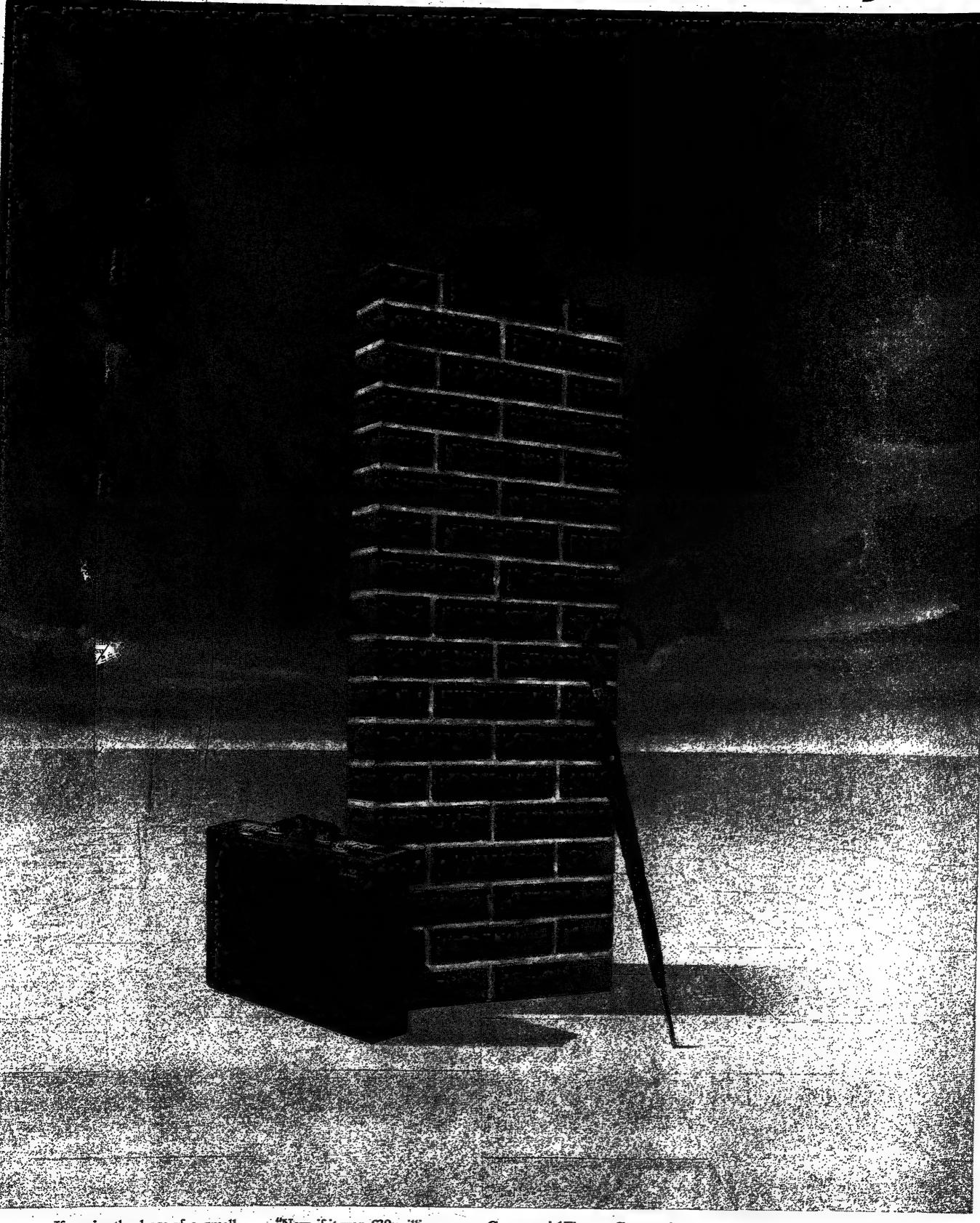
If they were to decide that the Andover replacement must wait a year or so until other more urgent defence needs had been met, if might be too lare to purchase the BAs I-II because the production run would not continue much longer, although assembly would continue in Romania. It might be a case of now or never for this option.

Monday's sitting adjorned at 12.12 am on Tuesday.

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Bernard Levin

Will free speech have the door slammed in its face?

There is a man with a heard in Holborn who really does believe in free speech, and since—this being the way of today's world-he is being penalized for such outré convictions. I thought I might break a lance for him today.

His name is Peter Cadogan, and he is a kind of Philosophical Anarchist in the sense meant by those words in the days when they both had meanings. He has been in and out of various political movements, including CND and its unruly off-spring, the Committee of 100, but he is far too honest and open minded a man ever to give his en-tire allegiance to any ideology, let alone to any political party. He is probably mad, but if so there are an awful lot of people I wish he would bite, starting with most of the members of Camden council. But Camden council's relevance comes later; I shall begin at the

Mr Cadogan is the general sec-retary of the South Place Ethical Society, whose base of operations is the Conway Hall, where I heard is the Conway Hall, where I heard much fine chamber music of a Sunday evening in my youth, and some less harmonious strains only the other day when the London Freelance Branch of the NUJ held its annual general meeting there. It is an austere hall, in which frivolity would die on the live of the lity would die on the lips of the frivolous; over the proscenium arch inscribed the stern motto of Polonius: TO THINE OWN SELF BE

That invocation, however, Mr Cadogan and the society take seriously. The South Place Ethical Society has a fascinating history; it used to be a Unitarian chapel, but then turned itself into what it called "a free religious society", the members of which recognized as they said recognize—only one philosophical and moral obligation: to seek the truth wherever it may be found, to bar no road at all to the seekers, and to hear in courtesy and in a spirit of enquiry any seeker who claims to have returned from the quest bearing a tragment of the

treasure. Felix qui potuit rerum Mr Cadogan says of the society that its Faith "is in the possibilities of human experience", its Inspiration stems from prophets and artists and our response to them", its Belief is "that if we seek we shall find", its Philosophy "the way we integrate our understanding of we integrate the interstanting or religion, art, science and history, and its Vision "that we can live differently". This catalogue of ideals sums up the South Place Ethical Society very well, and it is not surprising that it has always enjoyed

Or rather, h has done so until re-cently. Following a legal decision in another matter to the effect that to be classed as a religious body a group must believe in a "Supreme Being", the society, which could

charitable status es e religious

not maintain its members col-lectively believed in any such principle, if only because its mem-bers do not collectively believe in anything was unable to convince the Charity Commissioners that it was nevertheless a religious body if the phrase means anything at all,

and thus lost its charitable status.

Philosophically, that did not matter; financially it did. As a charitable body it could claim a rebate of roughly half the £8,000 rates it pays on Conway Hall; with-out that standing it cannot, and the £4,000 difference is simply not to be made up out of its slender income. Since the decision (while the society awaits the outcome of a ten-year legal battle to make the Charity Commissioners citange their minds), the society's reserves have been used to close the gap; now these are almost exhausted, and other means must be found.

Mr Cadogan and his colleagues approached the Borough of Camden (in whose territory Conway Hall stands) for a grant of a sum roughly equivalent to what the council would have allowed by way of rate rebate—i.e., £4,000 a year. At first, the officials and councillors they could be were expressively to the council or they could be to were expressively. spoke to were sympathetic, but then came the horrid revelation I referred to in my opening sentence: Mr Cadogas, and the South Place Ethical Society, believe in free speech.

I must explain that, in addition

A grant of £4.000 would not exactly bring down the wrath of Camden's district auditor

that the society itself operates. Con-way Hall itself is always available for any organization wishing to use it for a gathering, at a reasonable fee. The only stipulations made are that the users of the hall shall do and say nothing against the law of the land, and that they shall not advocate or employ violence in the furtherance of their ends.

Within that ample room for man ocuvre, every imaginable kind of group, together with many which are quite impossible to imagine, have hired the Conway Hail to inform, declare, persuade, insist, de-nounce, essert, deny, declaim and even discuss, everything that can be thought by the human mind.

political, proclaiming their belief in the flamess of the earth, the dangers of fluoride or the benefits of vegetarianism. Many, of course, are or wholly political, and, subject to the conditions I have mentioned, all are welcome. And it is not only democratic political bodies that have held the stage at Conway Hall: virtually all the totalizarian groups in our society have held meetings there, including the Socialist Workers Party, the Communist Party, the International Marxist Group—and the National Front.

And that, of course, is where the

shoe pinches. After discovering that Mr Cadogan's philosophical integrity and commitment to free speech within the law really are absolute, so that the National Front, vile though it is, was entitled to make its voice heard at Conway Hall just as much as the SWP or the CP, vile though they are Camden council, after much thought and the meeting of more than one committee, reof more than one committee, re-fused the appeal for a grant. Pro-vided that the only totalizarian groups permitted at Couway Hall were of the left, the money would be forthcoming; in their mirror-image of the right was permitted a similar freedom, it would not.

It is not as though Camden council has ever shown any sign of being careful with its ratepayers' money. Only last week it published a report which strongly deplored the council's "poor public image",

question simulanedisly revealed that the counci's public relations department has a bidget for the present year of £14,620, with a staff of nine, bit at any rate that figure suggests that a girnt of £4,000 to the Conwar Hall would not exactly bring down the wrath of the district auditor, or for that matter the tormented retenance. We the district auditor, or for that marker the tormented ratepayer. No, the test is purely political; riles proper to use the Convay Hall fol furthering the aims of every variety of communist typing, but not for encouraging these of one variety of fascist typing.

Now as it lappens, one of the principal elements in the laysuit the South Plac Ethical Society is bringing in order to regain its charitable states is that it has a commitment to all forms of philosophical, religious or political enquily and that its alligiance is to though in general. It ould not, therefore ban the expression of any particular autitude and maintain its case. But I must make dear that even if no such question arose. Mr Cadogan and the society would still maintain unswervingly that free speech means free speech br all, not just for those of whom the members of

Camden counci approve. Mr Cadogan of course, thinks the National Fron is every bit as vile a last proud look at the words over as it actually is. Whenever it has the stage, and reflect that he has broken the terms on which the hall indeed to his own self been true.

which, it complained, was one of its let, he has refused its beokings profligacy", and it was perhaps for a specified period thereafter, in punishment for a specified offence. for a specified period thereafter, in punishment for a specified offence. But he maintains that while and when it remains within the law, the freedom of thought and assembly and speech by which the society lives shall be available to it, just as these are available to the SWP or the CP while and when the or the CP while and when they remain within the law.

"In a constitutionally governed society", says Mr Cadogan, "rotten mistaken ideas and ignorance wither in an atmosphere of freedom. The truth is ultimately more powerful than coercion". That of course, is what I believe, too, and the electoral showing in Britain of totalitarians of both left and right is powerful evidence in support of the view. Camden council or at any rate a majority of its members, seem to think otherwise (this, of course, is to say nothing of those members who are them-selves actually sympathetic to totalitarian ideas of the left), and the South Place Ethical Society may be compelled to close its premises in consequence.

always knew that a commitment to tree speech could be dangerous; now, it seems, it can also be expensive. But Mr Cadogan, if the worst happens, will be entitled to comfort himself, as he locks the doors of Conway Hall for the last time, by a last proud look at the words over



Two examples of Graham Sutherland's work: right, detail from Landscape with Black Hills, and left, a portrait of the critic Edward Sackville-West

Portrait of a man and his courage

As the train left Milford Haven and pulled past the estuary there, a cormorant was sitting on the dead trunk of an oak fallen at the water's edgs. The scene was purest Graham Sutberland, After a day spent in the artist's company and looking at his work in the person. Graham Sutherland Gallery at Picton Castle, it almost seemed a case of nature following art.

Precisely because he was never a literal painter, but worked in the deeply-mined borderland between reality and imagination, Graham Suther-land—who died on Sunday night—changed the way we look at certain things. It might be a dead branch, flotsam on a beach, a gorse bush, a road winding through distant hills; or those not much less remarkable landscapes, the faces of Somerset Maugham, Lord Bea-verbrook, Helena Rubinstein, Lord Goodman or (perhaps bis finest portrait) Edward Sackville-West. Once one knows his work, they are never the same

I first met Sutherland in 1961 and was struck as almost everyone was, by his quite amazing charm. That elusive compound was, in his case, perhaps a blend of perfect manners, an extraordinarily beautiful voice, romantic good looks, a fluttering capacity to focus on one entirely, and yet a considerable sense of fun. With it came a slight but endearing nervousness, and a pair of ceaselessly alert eyes which, as a friend was later to remark, seemed constantly to assess the precariousness of the next move.

Ve met again on a memorable day a few years later, when I was staying with Somer-set Maugham at Cap Ferret.

had tea with Lord Beaver-brook, drinks with Coctesu and dinner back at Maugham's Villa Mauresque. It was pos-sible to be desired by the glesnour of Riviera life, and perhaps the Sucherlands were a bit so dazzied when they set-tled on the edge of Menton in

with Sutherland for The Times revealed that no biography of him seisted. I decided to start one when The Times had sus-pended publication. Both Sutherland and Faber & Faber blessed the idea. Over the past nine months the painter ens wered many questions, both orally and by post. We met in Wales, at his house in Kent, at the Comaught Hotel in London. Menton was for

It would have been surprising if a painter of Sutherland's emotional intensity was an altogether easy man. He was not. His perfectionism, evident even in his casually elegant clothes, could make him seem linicky. His blend of scrupulousness and tenacity could lousness and tenacity could charge minor problems with emotional electricity. When the sun of his charm was clouded, the shadows could feel cold.

He lost some old friends and patrons in the 1950s from the manner of his resignation as a trustee of the Tate Gallery after the great Tate row, basically over the use of funds and bequests, had convulsed the art world. And his friend-ship with the redoubtable art critic and collector Douglas Cooper—subsequently ter-

minated—proved to be a two-edged weapon, since Cooper built up Sutherland by knock-ing down other English artists.

To be a really serious artist



must be a terribly exacting calling involving as it does the periodic public baring of the periodic public baring of the soul. Sutherland's reputation went through some violent fluctuations. First, after the Goldsmiths' College, there was relatively rapid success as an etcher. Then the Depression killed the booming etchings market. Switching painfully to the freer world of colour and light it was only when he dislight, it was only when he dis-covered Pembrokeshire in 1934 that he began to find his own distinctive voice with those hauntingly lyrical Welsh land-

Work as a war ertist-one of the finest-widened his scope. Then in the later 1940s and 1950s he achieved perhaps excessive notoriety with his Northampton Crucifixion, his vast Coventry Cathedral tapestry, the Tate row, and his por-traits of the mighty. In the popular press he was hailed as the greatest Euglish painter since Constable and Turner,

his talent. Increasingly Suther-land felt that his reputation was advancing only on the Continent, and especially in Italy, where he had several enthusiastic patrons and friends. You must visit my Italians, he would say to me with a slightly defensive pride.

It was one of his closest Italian friends, the master printer Walter Rossi, of Rome, who in recent years helped Sutherland to blend together his genius as an etcher and watergenius as an ercher and watercolourist in a series of aquatims of bees and beasts which
beautifully bridged the gap
between the opening and closing of his career as a painter.

One of the most admirable
things about Sutherland as an
arties are his courage is not artist was his courage. It took courage to seek to put some meaning back into religious painting at a time when the try, the Tate row, and his portraits of the mighty. In the popular press he was halled as the greatest English painter since Constable and Turner.

Then something of a reaction set in, particularly among the British critics, who thought they detected a coarsening of the academic tradition.

It took courage to go on bas-fling the public with those mysterious standing forms, those "monuments and presences" with which in the 1950s and 1960s he sought to make tangible the mysteriously intangible, as he put it. Suther-land, an intensely ambitious painter and a tremendous worker, was always seeking

universe's hidden order. Devotedly supported over 53 years by his wife, he gave much, too, to his friends. They ranged from public figures like Lord Goodman to the Walds poet John Ormond, ITN's Sandy Gaul, and a number of young painters whom he greatly assisted. They felt for him an affection not often, one suspects, enjoyed by the

Of the ties and laws which constrain the artist's ventures into new fields, Sutherland once wrote: "The kite flies only when attached to the string". That string is now cut,

As Mao's banner slips, Lenin's flag rises

the Chinese communists their twelfth party con-(Liu Shanqi) will be post-humously rebabilitated. Current references to him in the press are all police if not laudstory His wife. Wang Guangme whose suffering in the cultural evolution was the subject of a metized documentary on British television), has been pack in honoured circulation

It will be on odd comment that the man dubbed as Chine's Khrushchev", to label him the arch revisionist, should be reimbilitated as the final store in the party's reversal of Mao's unjust verdicts on all his colleagues; the party's final verdict on Mao, indeed, which gives the Khrushchev parallel

Much as one may sympathize with those who were wronged end whose names have now been cleared, there is, however, exert es elder statesmen, a much less attractive side.

One could sum up everything that has happened in the past three years in China, and especially all the actions of Mr Deng Xisoping these past two years, as the rejection of Mao's at best valueless and mostly damaging escapades in revolutionery endeavour.

Everyone in the party knew what they disliked about Mao's rule. And they were all agreed that what mattered were China's urgent economic peeds and the modernisacion of its armed forces. This was precisely what the four modernisations were all about. In which case, one can imagine all the old stelwarts who astonishingly won the day in 1949 looking down at the new, younger generation that has been pasting up its posters and circulating its critical newsheets with mixed contempt and anger.

What are they fussing about? Are the "four modernizations" not going to provide them with the jobs they need, with a China they can be proud of, with the attainment of a status Roger Berthoud in the world that their fathers

The skill with which China has been detached from revolutionary Maoism these last three years must be admired. When one looks up to the Maoist banner one sees it lower han it was before.

and grandfathers dreamed of 60 ct 70 years ago? Is the national effort that spreng realously into effect as far back as the May 4 move-

ment in 1919 not at last going to be crowned with success? In which case why should there be then youths who attack the perty, attack the system, attack Marrish and thick that by overtingwing all that has been built us from the brave and tiny becomings of the 1920s mould not be ast aside? Enough s enough of this kind of democracy. Let been go to prison if they person

It is not difficult o formulate such sentiments in the growls of these old men. mutting about what the country is coming to and how a stop shold be put to these damaging and plainly unpatriotic cries. And if one unparison: cries. And if one recalls—as one must liways, of a people so consciou of their past—that 2,000 year of totalizarianism exist to ack these cries for marching a step or that the persisting octrine of Confucianism at all times delivery appreciant sample of the confucianism at all times delivery appreciants. plored opposition aganti-social except when the fults of a ruler were manifestil irredeemable. No, one should not be surprised.

The pity is that nese sentiments come wrappd in the most wretched jagon. The latest outburst, bard on an important and no dubt definitive speech by Den Xiaoping, puts the whole hing into Marxist, non-factual intruth.

Thus "bourseoid democracy Thus "bourgeois democracy

is false and rotten tuff "; the

socialist democracy which is precisely for the great cause of the four modernizations and rothing else". Or: "in a capi-tilist society the bourgeoisie utilizes democracy as a political leans to consolidate their own riling position . . . there is the minimal equality advertised by cipitalist democracy and, on the other hand, there are millions of real restrictions and tricks to turn the proletariat into hired slaves". Can anyone believe that the

last quotation from Lenin could seem anything but laughable in

bestern democracies of the 180-?
Does it not occur to these old pivic men that their blissful diwh of the 1920s and 30s is a clunk of past history? "We do not advocate democracy for de mocracy's sake but will use it us a means to struggle against the epioiting class and to winning the domination of the proletaand eventually to attain goal of abolishing classes demancipating all mankind."

What exploiting class in China tiday? What Chinase reality may be perceived in this woolly saut? What truth does this convey to the generation whose experience was formed by such Hap" and the cultural revolutibn and who asked themselves why Mao's colleagues could not resist more effectively the damthese movements and not just by the last days of the current

villains, the gang of four? There is the supposedly convincing historical analogy that is also trundled into position. Since the opium war, countless advanced people in China had sought the truth from the West for saving their country and people, and what tortuous ways they had some through and what setbacks they suffered! They had tried all the available ways but to no avail. It was not until Marxism-Leninism was introduced in China that the Chinese revolution emerged in a new form."

Maybe, but is that why "bourgeois democracy" is a danger, "swindling, bluffing and fooling the people in the service of capitalist restora-

The skill with which China has been detached from revolu-tionary Maoism these last three years must be admired. Every six months when one looks up at the Maoist banner one sees that it is noriceably lower than it was before. But how sad to see the Leninist flag now being boisted in its place.

face of modern political anni-

versaries and attempts to create new and colouriess

Soviet customs. It is an escape

from slogans and promises of

A fierce conservatism has

given renewed life to old ways of doing things. Tourism has revived troika rides at winter

festivals, released money for restoration and made the past

a paying proposition to the

bureaucracy. Increasing affluence and better education have

given Russians more leisure to

Soviet leadership itself no

longer feels so threatened by

from foreigners in this coun-

try than old books on Russia.

photographs that show not

Nothing is so soughe after

iam tomorrow.

Richard Harris

MOSCOW DIARY

Longing for the good old days

There is a joke in Russian, hard to translate keeping the pun, that goes: "Which came first, the chicken or the egg? First (i.e. in the past) there was everything." It sums up the present wave of nostalgia for the old days, while making a sharp comment on the chronic shortages and lack of choice of the present.
Old Russia has virtually dis-

appeared in the high-rise housing estates, the palaces of cul-ture and the monolithic office blocks of modern Soviet cities. But it lives on in people's minds, and its hold seems in-

creasingly strong.
It has had a noticeable effect on Soviet literature and art, on fashion and design, on attitudes to religion, history and the preservation of ancient buildings and monuments. The past, with all its poverty and officially trumpeted injustices, seems to many a golden age and remembrance of things past is a burgeoning industry here.

Incredibly, even the darkest days of Stalin's rule are begin-ning to seem attractive, especi-have caused a sensation. Young

ally to the older generation. There was terror and hardship, they admit, but there was still idealism and a belief that the new system was leading some-where exciting. People long for the days when workers turned up on time and put in a full day's work, when genuine heroic feats led to projects being completed ahead of schedule. People compare the law and

order of those days to the crime, corruption and drunkenness of nowadays. With selective memory they speak of shops stocked with meat and caviar, of good furs that the average per-son could afford of prices that were regularly lowered. Now, they grumble, everything is exported and prices keep going

But the real nostalgia is not for the 1930s or 1940s: it is for the way of life of pre-revolutionary Russia. Few would de-fine it as such, or openly regret the effects of the revolution. But people have written to newspapers wondering why Russians no longer sit around the family samovar drinking tea. Art exhibitions of pre-revolurionary scenes and traditional Russian life have drawn crowds of many thousands. Novels about the end of the Empire people have started digging out the old family albums and those from old aristocratic families no longer feel any embarrassment or need to conceal their origins. Icons and antiques have soared

Nostalgia

It is in the arts that the re-newed interest in the past is most marked. Hya Glazunov owes much of his popularity and notoriety to his persistent playing on nostalgic themes. His famous art exhibition in

Moscow's central exhibition hall two years ago enjoyed a success de scandale because it included pictures on religious themes, of old villages and figures from Russian history, and made specific and pointed comparisons with the drabness of modern Soviet society. Glazunov raised his curiosity value considerably by including the figure of Tsar Nicholas II in a painting that the Soviet authorities did not allow to be shown.

More recently a talented East German artist, Elizabeth Klyuch Evskoi, of Russian origin, drew large crowds at an exhibition of the Moscow that Dostoevsky knew—the street scenes and houses—which the authorities

propose to repeat at the time of the Olympics. The exhibition was particularly welcomed as that quarter of Moscow has been torn down to make way for new buildings, much to the annoyance of many Muscovites. Indeed the whole-sale destruction of the old streets and lowly mineteenth century buildings in the city centre has been halted only just in time. Public pressure has recently forced the city planners to think instead about

dapting the old buildings and

twisting streets to contempor-Novelists today enjoying popularity make much of old Russian values which they see embodied in the Russian village. Valentin Rasputin, probably the leading representative of the "village" school of writers, who has won state awards and had his works staged and filmed, concentrates especially on the values of the pea-sant, which he sees as the bed-rock of Russian thinking.

Prerevolutionary history attracts enormous interests par-ticularly as it is so confused by official rewriting and overladen with ideological taboos. The closer the subject comes to 1917, the greater the risk of falling foul of the currently sanctioned interpretation of events, and



tion to many people. Russians are still ordinarily reticent—almost embarrassed-in discussing what happened to the last Tsar. A

monk Rasputin, published a few month Raspurn, published a few months ago, was the talk of the reading public, and was vigor-ously criticized for its false conclusions and sensationalism.

Nostalgia has long been in-herent in the official identification with past Russian glorics, but the bonds have widened. Large sums are now spent on restoration (90 million roubles for a 10 year programme to repair the Kremlin complex alone) and the re-creation of Tsarist magnificence. The main cultural monuments have never been in denger, but the secondary buildings have in the past been left to crumble, and are now receiving expert attention. One institution that has benefited significantly from

the mood is the Russian Orthodox Church. Even official atheism pays tribute to the church's past role as the fount of Russian art and culture. The church has found young people attracted to its services as much out of curiosity about their grandparents beliefs as out of religious conviction.

Religious themes are no longer subject to the blanket denunciations they suffered under Khrushchev. Handel's Messiah, Bach's B-Minor Mass and The St Matthew and St John Passions have all been performed in the oviet Union recently—unthinkple 15 years

The nostalgia if Russian, not Soviet, and is cleely allied to a growing Russia nationalism. As such it verge on the exclusive, shutting out Jews, Georgians, the poples of central Asia. This in tur has evoked

similar nationastic nostalgia by the other copies of the Soviet Union, and there is fierce pride arong the Uzbeks in their own Justim heritage and the condests and discoveries of imberlaine and the astronome Ulug Be. This year the Soviet Union is making much of the 1,00th anniversar of the famous Arab scientist le Sinna (Avicena) who has been adopted by the Uzbeks as one of their forebars. But it is an anniversary who a strictly local significance.

Escapism

At the oposite end of the country, the Estonians, Lithuanians and Latvians counter heightened Russian consciousness with allefensive glorification of the own languages, culture and history.

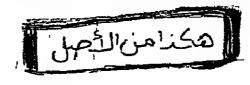
Interest if the past is fuelled by increasig apathy in the

only the oppressed workers but the lives of the bourgeo-isie, biographies of the men whose reputations did not survive the rewritings of the past 50 years. The Russians, still coming to terms with the idea of being

Russian history.

a superpower, find greater certainty in their past, which they can freely exploit as an im-plicit comment on the present

Michael Binyon





CRIMINAL LAW-NOT ENFORCED CIVIL LAW-NOT REFORMED

Mr Prior's working paper on secondary industrial action happens to come at a time when the reform of the civil law seems less important than the enforcement of the criminal law; in fact the two are linked. What happened last Thursday at Had-fields, as the Prime Minister rightly observed, plainly went beyond the bounds of peaceful picketing and entered the realm of direct intimidation. Intimidarion and conspiracy to intimidate are criminal acts. In the case of Hadfields the intimidation achieved its objective and work at Hadfields was stopped. Similar intimidation has occurred in other places and is threatened at

The police reaction has been inadequate. In respect of lawful actions during industrial dis-putes the police quite rightly take the view that they should remain impartial. That is their job, and it is not in anybody's interest that they should lose their reputation for impartiality between management and trade unions. That does not, however, remove their responsibility to enforce the criminal law. A citizen going about his ordinary business is as much entitled to be protected from intimidation by mass pickets as he is to be protected from intimidation by any other crowd of people.

Protecting the public

What is more, the organization of mass pickets, and particularly of flying pickets clearly intended to intimidate, is itself an unlawful act. In his role as a master of mass pickets, moving or threatening to move his members to impose his will on the public in different parts of the country, Mr Scargill is well outside the law. If be, or any other trade union leader, organizers or supports action calculated to threaten other people, he lays himself open to prosecution. This is not a law about trade unions; it is a general protection of the public to which trade unions are as much subject as anvone else.

By the side of these actions. which have come so near to mass violence, and are so far removed from lawful, peaceful persuasion and reason, the reform of the civil law may seem less important. Yet it was the removal of protection under civil law which helped to create among come trade unionists the false helief that any trade union action had a total immunity, civil, crimical or whatever. What is required is the creation of a civil law which is in reasonable balance, as well as the enforcement of the criminal law against the use of fear as a weapon. We do not want a law which would leave trade unions at the mercy of employers. That would be wrong and unjust. We do want to bring to an end the situation in which employers and the state itself are at the mercy of trade unions, because that is both unjust and immensely damaging to the national

putting forward for discussion is whether they go far enough to redress the balance. Despite the complaints of the trade unions there is really no question at all that they go too far. Compared with the immense changes made in favour of trade unions by Mr Michael Foot they represent only a very small redressing of the balance.

Much of what Mr Prior proposes goes no further than setting right matters which the House of Lords has very recently set wrong. Indeed, his first two qualifications for immunity both correct those parts of House of Lords' judgments which could properly be described as having made new law and bad new law at that. He will restore the law to an objective test rather than a subjective test of whether a strike is in furtherance of a trade dispute. His proposal is that it should be required to be "reasonably capable of furthering the dispute ". The House of Lords were under no obligation to adopt the purely subjective test and Lord Wilberforce rightly protested at their doing so. There Lord Diplock and the majority were making new law as freely as Lord Denning has ever done, with this difference that they made their new law- against equity and against liberty.

Mr Prior is also making the immunities dependent on the action being taken predominantly in pursuit of the trade dispute concerned and not principally for some "extraneous motive". This again merely restores the position, which had previously been held to be the case, that a political strike does not enjoy immunity; the immunities were granted for the purpose of trade disputes and not for the purpose of political disputes. The House of Lords had left this part of the law unclear, after dismissing Lord Denning's doctrine of the two disputes in the steel caseone a trade dispute, the other

The question of immunity

One half of Mr Prior's proposals deal only with matters which arose for the first time in the House of Lords. These are not even matters on which the House of Lords overruled a novel judgment of Lord Denning, as was the case in the doctrine of remoteness. The House of Lords was setting aside the general trend of past judicial interpretation, including their own. It is desirable that the House of Lords should be put right but it makes no great difference to the balance of trade union power. So far as these amendments are concerned Mr Prior's proposals leave us no better and no worse off than we appeared to be when the government came to office.

The other major proposal is to limit the immunity of inducing breaches in commercial contracts to the main dispute or contracts involving what are called first suppliers or customers. This limitation of immunity will apply only to breaches of commercial con-The question to be asked about tracts. Inducements to break the amendments Mr Prior is now contracts of employment will

THE RETURN OF MR TRUDEAU

registered an emphatic vote of no confidence in Mr Joe Clark and the policies of the Progressive Conservatives. It was unimpressed by his performance in office; it did not feel that his success in Iran outweighed his failures and fumbles elsewhere; it disliked his budget which, whatever might be said against it in detail, was strikingly honest in its strategy. Above all, the electorate rejected his energy policy. In a sense, what it has really voted for is petrol and oil at half world prices sustained by subsidised imports. Since Canadians use more petrol per capita than any other people, this piece of democracy need not have been unexpected—Mr Clark was naif to introduce his dose of realism while still in a vulnerable minority. Also, he fatally misread Mr Trudeau's resignation of the Liberal leadership, so readily rescinded when the Party wanted him back, as giving the Conservatives time to make their unpopular reforms.

Mr Trudeau, discredited nine months ago, now finds himself restored to power on exactly the terms on which he left it. He has a working majority, and he heads much the same party in parliament as that from which he had, over his eleven years of office, eliminated nearly all the talent which could challenge his supremacy. Moreover, the opinion polls made clear that

Value for our rates

ocal authorities.

From Miss Amanda Arrowsmith

Sir, I have been a local government

fficer for eight years, two rounds of public expenditure cuts and three

The commitment of almost every

one of my colleagues, past and present, to serving the public (if not the politicians) does not merit

the fashionable abuse given to us sector involvement in our task is

The Canadian electorate has the electorate sees him by far as Canada's best leader. reassertion of his indispensibility after his rejection in favour of Mr Clark, gives Mr Trudeau an unchallengeable position, no matter what his party officials and

backers may say.

He campaigned more as the party's puppet, than as its leader. He put forward no striking policy proposals. He remained vague or ambiguous on the great issues that face the country. He returns to office comfortably uncommitted, unless his promise to stand down in three years (when he will be 63, young for politicians) is held to limit his dominance and to give incentive to new contenders for the leadership to sprout from underfoot. All in all, Mr Trudeau must be awed by his new authority.

He lost office in May because he seemed to have run out of ideas, expedients and men to deal with the problems that he must again face. But he is now free to use some of the solutions which brought his predecessors down-indeed his very strength in eastern Canada may enable him to make deals with the western interests. He can, 'and surely will, ignore the motorists' vote by putting up the price of oil, no doubt calling it the " blended " price. He will hardly try socialist controls of wages and prices. He will keep, but control, the state oil corporation. He in no way depends on the New Democrats, who failed to

by Anthony Steen (February 13).

Local government officers are in general less well paid than their

private sector counterparts, less well

accommodated, and devoid so far as I am aware of the mysterious

privileges at which Mr Steen hints.

because I believe it makes a con-tribution to the good of society. Mr Steen's suggestion of private

Perhaps naively, I do my job

they are in furtherance of a trade dispute. They can go as wide or as far as the union has reason to consider advantageous. In terms of the balance of

continue to enjoy their full immunity, provided only that

power this again must be regarded as a relatively minor matter. In the first place the limitation only applies if the dispute is taken beyond the point of first suppliers or customers. Mr Prior is therefore secondary disputes being covered by immunity, and only tertiary disputes having their immunity reduced. Secondly, the reduction in immunity only affects commercial breaches. Until 1972 the immunities under the trades Dispute Act of 1906 were confined to contracts of employment and it was only in 1976 that the scope of the immunity was extended to include breaches of all contracts.

Creating a fair balance

We have therefore a proposal by Mr Prior to leave the trade unions with wider immunities than they had in the period of 1906-1972 in respect of commercial contracts, and with immunities as wide as they ever had (until the most recent House of Lords judgments appeared to extend them) in respect of employment contracts. These provisions would have made no difference to the situation in the steel industry, though the picketing provisions already pro-posed in Mr Prior's bill might have been helpful. It is not surprising that the independent steel companies describe them as "utterly useless".

The failure is broad and deep. Since the Donovan Commission was set up by Mr Harold Wilson in 1965 "to consider relations between managements and employees and the role of trade unions and employees' associations in promoting the interests of other members and in accelerating the social and economic advance of the nation, with particular reference to the law affecting the activities of these bodies", it has been notorious that Britain needed an equitable trade union law; that. would be one that would secure dance in the between employer and trade unions, and would provide an orderly and democratic structure for the protection of members of trade unions.

The Conservative Party failed opposition after 1974 to devise any coherent system of reform. Mr Prior's original proposals for legislation did not constitute such a system of reform and his bill will hardly be brought any nearer to it by the latest amendments. doubt his proposals should be as far as they go because they undo some serious and gratui tous—damage that was done in the House of Lords, but that was very recent damage and the amendments fail to address themselves to the central issue of the balance of power. Bad laws have given great power to bad trade union practices; minor changes will not belp to protect Britain from them.

become the balancing party. Even nine short months out of power can teach a politician useful lessons. But the key issue, the issue which destiny seems to have reserved for Mr Trudeau to resolve, is the unity of Capada. the coming confrontation with the secessionist forces in Quebec. At the end of the campaign, scenting victory, the old Mr Trudeau spoke out for a strong federal government and for one Canada as a blend of two

Mr Levesque, perhaps ominously, welcomed the renewal of his struggle with federalist Mr Trudeau. He has his worries. The referendum in which he will ask Ouebec voters to agree to negotiations for the so-called sovereignty-association is a few months off. But the resurgence of the provincial Liberal Party under Mr Claude Ryan has made a difference. Mr Ryan's own scheme for a new relationship between Quebec and Canada which carefully retains federal unity, is evidently liked by Quebeckers, who are enjoying a new sense of self-confidence as both French and Canadians. This is the upshot of many factors. But it is one on which Mr Trudeau and Mr Ryan could build constructively—if they worked well together and with the other provinces, especially the west. It is the nub of the problem: for Mr Trudeau's will

worthy of full consideration; to hang it on tired old jibes about a nonexistent "vast edifice of public bureaucracy" does his thesis no service at all. Yours faithfully AMANDA ARROWSMITH, 16 Niagara Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

be the decisive role.

February 13.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Setting an example of violence

From the Chief Constable of

Sir, Is it any wonder there is violence in the streets and on picket lines? Is it any wonder young people resort to gratuitous, sadistic violence when they see it practised deliberately in the name of sport?

What happened on more than one occasion in a very recent Rugby International (report, February 18) was positively disgraceful, Judged by the television recording of that match some players must now be surprised they are not facing charges of criminal assault. It is high time the powers in the game clamped down and sorted out

the trouble makers. Responsibility for this cannot be avoided by calling Rugby "a man's game". That was a view once taken of war. Yours faithfully. JAMES ANDERTON, Chief Constable, Chief Constable's Office, PO Box 22 (S. West PDO), Chester House, Boyer Street, Manchester. February 18.

Interpretation problems

From Mr Geoffrey Sampson Sir, The remark of the Freuch Minister for Agriculture, that France is "in favour of a common agricultural policy, not of a free trade area" (reported in The Times of February 15), makes it clearer than ever before that British problems with the EEC represent differences of opinion about the fundamental purpose of the Com-

The Treaty of Rome created the EEC precisely to be a free trade area; Articles 38-46 of the Treaty permitted agricultural price-support strictly as a transitional device to cushion the social problems of retionalizing inefficient French and German agriculture. More than 20 years later the "transi-tional period" shows no sign of ending, and France wants to extend the CAP further.

Perhaps the French never took the ideals of the Treaty very seriously, and, since they were founder members and we are new boys, perhaps we must accept that their version of the ECC will presult. vail. But then it is surely absurd for us to continue in membership of an institution which believes in free trade for industry, where we are week, but in mercantilism for one of the few areas where we are thoroughly competitive? Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY SAMPSON, Richmond House. Ingleton,

February 17.

munity.

A word for the Vikings From Projessor W. S. Allen, FBA

Sir, On the question of the Viking name, both Mr Franchman and your correspondents of February 16 have some right on their side. As well as the Old Norse viking "wiking" there is also the word viking "raiding expedition" (perhaps connected with the Latin vinco "conquer"); and the former is more likely to have been originally derived from the latter than vice versa. the latter than vice versa.

the latter than vice versa.

However, popular etymology may well from early times have suggested a connexion with vik " bay "; and in Reykjavik (" bay of funtaroles") a speaker today may address his audience as " Revkjavikingar og Reykjavikingir" (" Reykjavikinga male and female"), with no implication of a cod-war or similar activities.

Yours fairhfuffly, W. S. ALLEN,

Trinity College, Cambridge. February 16.

From Dr Peter Hunter Blair Sir, Let us by all means recognize the great achievements of these Viking traders who were not raid-ers, but should it not also be said that not one of those who brought their wares to Lindisfarne, Jarrow, Wearmouth, Whitby, Iona and many another centre of monastic learn-learning would have been able to read any of the books in the moussic libraries?

York, before the Viking attack,

possessed one of the greatest libraries in western Europe, such that an eminent French scholar might write to the York librarian seeking the loan of books which were not to be found in his own country. We cannot now identify a single book from that York library. The consequences of this Viking trading were disastrous for the intellectual life of much of England and it is surely no accident that when the new learning came it sprang from roots not in York but in those parts of England which had been least affected by the Vikings, whether as raiders or traders.

Yours faithfully, PETER HUNTER BLAIR, Emmanuel College, Cambridge. February 15.

Support for the family

From Mr Tom Litterick Sir, Miss M. T. Evans is mistaken when she refers to "... the large

net increase in Exchequer support for the family . . as a result of the introduction of child benefit" (February 13).

In fact the value of child benefit was only marginally greater than the combined values of the Child Tax Allowances and Family Allowences which were phased out as child benefit was introduced, for families with more than one child. This value has since been signifi-carrly croded and is now lower than it was in 1974. The only remaining net beneficiaries of the introduc-tion of child benefit are families with one child. Sincerely,

TOM LITTERICK, Management Centre, University of Aston. Gosta Green, Birmingham.

Plans for the welfare of the world

Lanark (Labour) Sir, May I congratulate you on your sense of priorities in giving such full coverage and such perceptive leader comment to the Report of the Brandt Commission (February 22) 2

Its theme of the mutuality of interest between North and South is not new, as you know. But it is one which has been steadily gathering support during the last five years. Its endorsement and the proposals for action by the Commission demand that responsible leaders in the North ways for a responsible leaders in the North ways for a reference.

the North pause for a reflection which must transcend party politics.

I had at one point thought that the timing of the Commission's report would be unfortunate, coinciding as it does with the economic and political mond of introductions. mic and political mood of intro-spection which flows from world depression, international crisis, and post and pre-election problems in the United States, Germany and Britain. But I believe now that it is perfectly timed, as a clear chal-lenge to all governments in the North to think again about the global problems facing us, and to define with greater intelligence and wisdom their own enlightened self interest in their relationships with the South.

What worries me, however, is the process within Whitehall which will be involved in what will no doubt be called "The Response to the Brandt Report". A Foreign and Commonwealth Office view (with, alas, no longer a distinctively sepa-rate Overseas Development input); a Treasury view; a Trade view; an interdepartmental official commitinterdepartmental official commit-tee; perhaps a Central Policy Re-view Staff "study". On the detail of the Commission's proposals there will be a need for detailed work. But we need above all a positive and early response to the general

theme of the report.

It will demand political judgment and initiative. I hope that when we have the debate in the House of Commons for which we have called, there will be that positive response. Anything other would be an abdication of responsibility for British participation in finding global solutions to a global crisis in which our own economy and our own society is at risk.
Yours faithfully,

JUDILH HART, House of Commons. February 18.

From Mr Ewart Parkinson Sir, The Brandt Report tells the peoples of the world once more of the horrifying injustices that exist. That a search for a greater transfer of resources from North to South,

From Dame Judith Hart, MP for for a new fight to break the bonds of mass misery is an act of en-lightened self-interest. That econo-

lightened self-interest. That economic growth in the North is both a political and just necessity.

I hope that political leaders will not underestimate the altruism of their peoples, especially the young. Fed on a diet of selfish consumer materialism, there is a growing conviction that there is more to life than this.

We need a practical call to action We need a practical call to action

help the poorest of the poor to help themselves, not because we want to avoid revolutions, even if we do; not because we fear the threat of communism, even if we do; not because we think it will help the transnational corporations, even if it does; but simply because

I also hope that the significance of cities in the Third World is recogmized. Whatever is done for rural development and however much is done will still be insufficient—the next two decades will witness a growth of urban populations on a scale which the world has never

before seen.

The motives are many—cities are regarded as places of social and job opportunities. In Bangladesh urban income is thrice that in the countryside. In India an urban child has seven times the chance of a university education. In Ethiopia a towns-man has a 30 times better prospect of medical attention as a villager. By AD 2000 the cities of the developing countries may have three

times the total urban population of the developed world in 1960. The search for urban jobs will become ever more insistent as job opportunities on the land case to grow. Those jobs will not be derived from Western-type technologies nor by urban developments based on Western models. Nevertheless the experience of the West in managing urban change is, I believe, a skill that can usefully be trans-

ferred.
Finally, may I make the simple but fundamental ples that if we have a care for the earth's resourres, we need to recognize the rele-vance of differential growth races for the developed and undeveloped worlds. To cite a simple example : a 5 per cent growth of energy con-sumption in the United States implies an increase of 1,100X10° kgm of coal equivalent. In Bangladesh— with slightly less then half the population— it means a growth 1×10° kgm of coal equivelent. Yours faithfully,

EWART PARKINSON, Chairman, International Affairs Board. The Royal Town Planning Institute, 26 Portland Place, W1. February 18.

Deaths in police custody From Mr Michael Meacher, MP for Oldham, West (Labour)

Sir, Professor Smythe (February 14) makes the obvious point that he comparing deaths in police custody with numbers of complaints against the police alleging assault, one needs to standardise the data acof course, and that is why I had already sought this information in a written Parliamentary Question to the Home Office on January 31. The point I was making is that whilst there are naturally more complaints and more deaths in custody in urban areas, there are disproportionately more of both, to a significant degree, even when the figures are adjusted according to a standardised number

acturing to a standardised pumber of arrests for each police area.

Thus whilst there were over the decade 2.7 deaths in custody nationally (excluding the Metropolitan area) per 10,000 arrests in 1978, on Merseyside it was 4.5, in West Yorkshire 5.2, in North Wales 6.8, in the Metropolitan area 8.3, and the City of London 10.5. Similarly, whilst there were 34 complaints nationally in 1978 per 10,000 arrests that year, there were 38 on Merseyside, 42 in the Metropolitan stea, 51 in West Yorkshire, 59 in North Wales, and 72 in the City of London.

As for Professor Smythe's point that these are "unsubstantiated" complaints, his obvious desire to whitewash the police should not blind him to the fact that the DPP's prosecution rate against the DPP's prosecution rate agams; me police of 1 per cent and the Police Complaints Board's failure to recommend disciplinary charges in any of the 2.230 complaints of assault referred to them in 1978 may say a great deal more about the present hopelessly furile complaints system than about the substance of the complaints themselves.

Dr Skidmore (February 15) challenges my, and the Police Federation's, support for detoxification centres on the grounds that

some drunken persons still require custodial care. Agreed, but that is not an argument for saying that all drunken persons should be removed to police stations when clearly most rather an argument for saying that detoxification centres should have some facilities for custodial care where necessary, and that I agree with. Yours sincerely.

MICHAEL MEACHER. House of Commons.

From Dr R. A. A. R. Lawrence Sir. I hold no brief for or against the police on the question of deaths of persons in police custody. My experience as a police surgeon of a large police division can be only

Mr James Jardine is quoted in The Times of February 12 as saying that all police officers were not medically trained and nobody espected that the police would be able to distinguish be-tween drunkenness and some other

In my experience for the past 28 years the officers in my division have always sought my professional advice in any case of exher injury or suspected illness of persons in custody. On some occasions these have been cases of alleged injury caused by police officers. In addition, persons arrested in relation to drinking and driving or being drunk and incapable are examined

by me. Like Mr Jardine I would regard it as "utterly impossible" for there to be a cover-up in this country for a policemen to kill someone while in custody in my division. Yours sincerely,

R. A. A. R. LAWRENCE. Police Surgeon to Derbyshire Constabulary, 27 Swanwick Road, Leabrooks, February 13.

Religious light From Dr J. Croney

Sir, The Vicar of St Andrew's, Dearnley, (Law Report, published February 12) may be nearer to God than his consistory Chancellor in sensing the Holy Spirit's immanence sensing the rooty Spirit's minimanence through electric candles. Long before man evolved, and made his first crude candles, the Holy Spirit, which is the only God to some of us, was manifesting its awesome presence in the flickering electric lights of lightning and the Aurora.

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I have stood amazed at the antics of consistory courts and Chancellors since some 25 years ago, when an enterprising vicar installed an electronic peal of bells in his silenced steeple without obtaining a faculty, and was obliged to recant and remove them. However, as Galileo remarked, "Eppur si muove" (though not of the Church on that occasion) and, 25 years on,

London's third airport

From Mr Charles Harman

verging on the ridiculous.

With today's united Europe the

we actually have an electronic organ in Chichester Cathedral. And further help is at hand. I see from your edition of February 11 that the Bishop of Chichester, with 19 others, is to preside over a commission to regulate some of these arcane sophistries.

Sadly among its members' pro-fessions, which you name, I do not see either a scientist or an engineer
only lawyers, architects and liturgists. Nonetheless we must wish the commission well; it will have its work cut out to correct some entrenched platitudes.

Meanwhile the proceedings of these consistory courts are always good for a laugh in an increasingly sombre world. Yours, etc. CRONEY.

134 Cedar Drive, Chickester,

February 14.

Third Airport. As with the North Sea site suggested by Mr Brophy aircraft would have access sound-Sir. The idea raised by Mr Michael lessly across the North Sea and Brophy (February 13) that London's

communications to London could be via the Thames, using hover-Third Airport should become the first Euro-airport is certainly a very craft or hydrofoils. good one, even if the location pro-posed by Mr Brophy is perhaps In an era of European unity and fraternity such problems as finance, ownership and redistribution of profits would surely create little

Low Countries would provide a much better location than Stansted: problem.
Yours faithfully, Amsterdam would be a particularly good location, since it already claims the position of London's CHARLES HARMAN. 17 Pelbam Crescent, SW7. February 14.

Sour notes for Mr Levin

From Sir Denis Forman From Sir Denis Forman
Sir, Bernard Levin's inability (February 13) to understand the plainest programme note (except the sort of musical race-reading he quotes from Rosa Newmarch) cannot, of course, be put down to any inability to cope with the English language. It derives rather from his profound ignorance of musical form. Meny of my friends whose pleasure in music is largely emotional share Mr Levin's deficiency, but they don't salk about it so much

talk about it so much. Mr Orga's note of the Schoen-berg Piano Concerto is as clear as crystal to anyone who understands the theories of the Second Viennese School. He says that in early life School he says that in early life Schoenberg applied his system of serialism with rigidity. As he matured, however, he introduced elements of the old diatonic music into his work.

This was not a case of backsliding, it was in preparation for a new phase in which he treated serialism in a less absolute way. Thus (the word is used correctly) in the plans concerto we hear elements of the old musical system combined with

the new.
But this does not detract from the overall impression that the piece is written in terms of serialism. Anything wrong with that? Of course Mr Orga uses jargon but the study of music has its special the study of music has its special vocabulary which must be learnt. I should add that I, too, have never heard of Mr Orga, nor am I any great fan of Schoenberg. My sole concern is for Mr Levin himself, and if he will take me with him on his next visit to the Festival Hall, and if he will give me a few minutes before the concert begins. minutes before the concert begins, it will be a great pleasure to explain the simpler references to musical form included in programme notes. I am confident that this will add to his enjoyment and will pay for his ticket to prove it.

Yours faithfully, DENIS FORMAN, Chairman. Novello and Company Limited, 1-3 Upper James Street, W1. February 14.

From Mr Hans Keller Sir, Having devoted much of a life-time to the problem of writing about music, I hope I may respond to Bernard Levin's thoughts on it. In the first place, not everything we don't understand is "drivel" or "meaningless", and should perhaps only be so called if we can, at the same time, demonstrates its vapidity. I hold no brief for Ates Orga's style or jargon, but I should happily challenge Bernard Levin to what, for me, could prove a highly profitable bet: I am prepared precisely to explain what Mr Orga means—

to explain what Mr Orga means-to Mr Levin's own satisfaction.

Meanwhile, his jokes about Mr Orga's name (his real name, and hence hardly a justifiable object of public amusement) seem to me on te youthful level s about musicology—or, for that metter, music—he doesn't under-

smnd. In the second place, Bernard Levio's juxtaposition of words he dislikes and those he likes shows, cishings and mose he likes anows, simply, that he likes description and loathes analysis. Description, however, only tells us what we can hear, anyway: for all but the deaf, it is, anyway: for all but me dear, it is, at its truest, tautological. Analysis, on the other hand, leads us to the music behind the music—which, in the composer's mind and ear, was the music before the music. Yours sincerely,

HANS KELLER, Frognal Gardens, NW3. February 15.

From the Reverend Bric Thacker Sir, On the strength of his just reprobation of Abbs Orga's ghastly programme notes (February 13), I propose that Bernard Levin be designated as DRIVEL BANNER of the month.
Yours sincerely, ERIC THACKER, St Paul's Vicarage. 58 Whitmoor Crescent,

Finance for Mercia From Mr F. T. Bunting

Leeds 14.

February 13.

Sir, As a member of one of the unsuccessful consortia which applied for the licence for the commercial radio station for Coventry, I was very interested to read kenneth very interested to read Kenneth Gosling's article in your issue of

February 7.

May I take the opportunity to correct a misleading impression in the article that the local companies -a brewery, a garage, Co-operative stores, newspapers—were all part of the original application of Mid-land Community Radio. This was not so. It was not until August, 1979, that these local companies, most of whom were members of the unsuccessful consortium in which we participated, became part of Midland Community Radio by underwriting their public offer of shares. The widespread financial backing which Midland Community Radio now enjoys was not part of their original application. Yours faithfully, F. T. BUNTING, Managing Director, Coventry Evening Telegraph.

Dab hand

Corporation Street.

From Mr George Chowdharay-Best Sm, I write this letter wearing a suit that was made for my late father in April 1940. So far as I am aware it has never been taken to the cleaners: if it had been it might well have fallen apart long ago. Nor does it pong, whiff, or smell malodorous; and it Prudence Glyna (Schrouse 12) doubte this chair (February 12) doubts this, she is welcome to come and investigate as closely as she likes. It is true that a certain amount

of extraneous matter has had to be dabbed off over the years, but it also remains unlaundered, unwashed and ungrimy. I may add that seven of its eight cuff-buttons are still in place.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE CHOWDHARAY-BEST. 174 Clay Hill Road Essex.

Archael Roy

Richard H



Why London's education authority should go

When the Greater London Council was set up under the London Government Act of 1963, it was decided, in effect, to retain a single authority for education over the area of the old London County Council. This was done by forming a new single service authority, the Inner London Education Authority, which as a legal entity is a special committee of the Greater London Council, but which functions in practice. as a completely autonomous body

Even at the time, the dangers inherent, in the vast size and unusual constitutional position of the new authority were recognized. For this reason the 1963 Act contained a provision for a review on the Inner Loudon Education service to belaid before Parliament by March 31, 1970. But one of the first acts of the Wilson administration which was elected in 1966 was to repeal this provision and so no review took place.

There are educational, constitutional and

financial reasons why such a review should

have taken place.

Educational achievement is notoriously difficult to quantify, but attainment in public examinations must remain one of the principal yardsticks by which the success or failure of an education authority is judged. The ILEA has always been most reluciant to publish its exam results, but there is still sufficient evidence to show that the pass rate in inner London is significantly lower than the average for England or Wales as a whole.

ILEA	England and Wales
367	. 608
197	357
95	118
57	78
	367 197

Yet the past 10 years have seen the wanton destruction of many fine grammar schools which existed in inner London to ensure that academic excellence was available to all, rich and noor alike, who had the ability to benefit from it.

the ability to benefit from it.

Constitutionally the ILEA is in a position that is unique within local government. The authority has a total membership of 48, comprising the 35 members of the Greater London Council who sit for inner London constituencies together with a member of the council of each of the 12 inner London boroughs and a representative of the common council of a representative of the common council of the City of London.

Elections to both the Greater London Council and the horoughs are held every four years, but not in the same year; the

borough elections being held a year later than that for the GLC. (The City has a completely different system for electing the common council, just to confuse the council. Yet these London boroughs are issue.) At neither the GLC nor the borough elections does education figure prominently as an issue, if at all. Indeed, the part GLC, part borough membership of the ILEA and the different elections make it virtually, iropossible for the electorate of uner London to show its preferences on educational policy.

To realize just how, lacking in normal democratic accountability this system is, one daily has to put the question: "Can you imagine any education authority being set up de novo with a constitution such as that of the ILFA?

There is also a financial case to be answered. At present the ILEA decides how, much it is going to spend, and the GLC must then precept on the boroughs for the necessary money. Neither the GLC nor the boroughs can effectively challenge the expenditure. Added to this, the ILEA is not in direct competition with other spending committees for available tee in the country is a committee of a multi-purpose local authority, which has to tailor its spending on education to take account of what it must spend on all the other services it provides. Not so the ILEA, which is not subject to the financial discipline of having to share resources with other services. As a result education in London has become absurdly expensive compared to elsewhere in the country.

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1		Unit cost		
LEA	No. of pupils	Equq 19q 2		
St Helens	40,426	395		
Birmingham	207,171	421		
Kingston	21,171	. 441		
Tyneside .	37,923	468 :		
Barking	28,576	473		
ILEA	373,870	632		

The ILEA can be seen to have no direct electoral accountability, and despite spending more per pupil than anywhere else in the country, to have a poor record of educational attainment. A review of education in Inner London should have been conducted long ago. What is now needed

Several alternatives to the ILEA are currently being canvassed, but the solu-tion which offers the best possibility of making education democratically and financially accountable to the electors is to vest responsibility for its provision in each of the inner London boroughs.

It should be remembered that each of the outer London boroughs became an education authority in its own right only

managing very successfully, and few people in say Kineston would want education returned to Surrey County Council.

It is sometimes argued that a number of the inner London boroughs are too small and too poor to take on the responsibility for their own education. The information on pupil numbers contained in Table II shows that education authorities do not have to be large. Indeed, the smaller the authority, the less likelihood of it being felt to be remote and inacces-

poverty, it is of interest to even the poorer inner London have relatively high rate bases. Table III shows the product of a 1p rate in 1979-80 for a selection from the education authorities which have lower rate product than the poorer London boroughs. Tower Hamlets, frequently cited as one of the poorest of London boroughs has a 1p rate product of £400.000.

TABLE	iii
Haringey	£390,000
Bexley	£290,000
Berking	£280,000
Kingston	£270,000
Sunderland	£240,000
Rochdele	£190,000

At the moment the richer boroughs Westminster provide propor-more of the finance for the ILEA, and so some form of rate equalizanion would, of course, be necessary. But this is already done for other borough services by way of the rate support grant, and any proposed changes in local gov-erument finance could easily be adapted to allow for the extra expenditure that educational responsibilities would put on

the poorer boroughs.

Surely the onus is on those who argue for the retention of the ILEA to produce incomposertible evidence that the problems in inner London are so significantly different from those of other education authorities, such as Birmingham and Manchester, which contain large areas of urban stress, that these unique statutory arrangements had to be made. They must also show that the arrangements are effective in educational, democratic and finan-cial terms. There is little to suggest that this is so. Certainly not enough to remain an expensive, inefficient constitutional oddity such as the Inner London Educa-

Professor David Smith The author is a member of the Greater London Council for Norwood and Leader of the Opposition, Inner London Education Authority.

The embarrassing problem of saving the image

made to fillet embarrassment the body of emotions day life to study its action in human distress and social control. And having described it to the satisfaction of his fellow psychologists, Mr Robert Edelmann intends to develop an effective method for people to

cope with embarrassment. What drew him to address this particular emotion in his minurë social psychology labora-tory at Birkbeck College, London was the lack of research on the part played by embarrassment in the breakdown of interaction between people. That and the fact that it is a respectable and

nteresting route to a doctorate. Embarrassment is a heavily distressing emotion because it randalizes the pictures of ourselves that we carry around in our heads and project to the world for approval. The selfworth for approval. The sen-image is something for which we will go to considerable lengths to defend.

This defensiveness is a con-

stant effort because each social situation carries a different set of rules, according to Mr Edelmann.

Tolstoy, for instance, was a masterly observer of the un-successful defence of selfimage; in Anna Karenina his characters are frequently blushing or retiring in confusion while Kitty and Levin, in their drawing room confrontation, were so taut about possible loss of face that they declared

their love for each other by chalking initials on a table top. More recently the impor-tance of social rules in specific settings was vividly demon-strated by Martin Weinberg, an American research worker, who carried out a study in a nudist colony. He was told by a female nudist: "I took all my clothes off but my bra, I forgot to take it off . . . everyone laughed

it off . . . everyone laughed . . I thought I'd just die. "Given the wide variety of embarrassing social situations, Mr Edelmann's task was to narrow down his investigation to scientifically managable pro-portions amenable to laboratory experiment. He chose the twoperson encounter because it is easier to manipulate and record on video tape—essential to him since he wanted to concentrate the non-verbal cues (body



anguage) which accompany em-

The ethical problems were formidable because the experient involved making embarrassed and possibly dis-

The compromise was that he was allowed to make his sub-jects mildly embarrassed; there were to be no claw marks on the ceiling or mental scars.
With the ingenuity which now characterizes psychological experiments, probably more than any other discipline, Mr Edelmanu, aged 28, designed a miniature art exhibition.

His volunteer subjects (17 women and 8 men), all mature students at Birkbeck, were individually shown a set of paint-ings and asked to comment on them. What this little group of art critics did not know was that the man asking for their comments was a genuine painter who had produced the

pictures they were to criticize. Also, they were unaware that the experiment concerned em-barrassment; they were led to believe they were taking part in a study "designed to learn more about the value of faceto-face interaction as a method of obtaining information about other people's opinions "—sufficiently opaque to make people

The artist, who was trained to carry out the interviews after the viewing, looked un-

waveringly at each subject as he chatted about the paintings. At a critical point in the conversation, when the subjects were laying into his master-pieces with comments like "they're technically awful" and "I wouldn't have them hanging on my walls" the artist said: "Would it interest you to know that the picture was, in

know that the picture was, in fact, painted by me? ".

The non-verbal results of this attack on the self-image were recorded by two video cameras, known about but forgotten by the subjects at this stage. One monitored the face, the other

captured the body.
Afterwards, the recordings were shown to the critics who were asked to identify which emotion they felt when the artist made his disclosure. The word embarrassment was buried in a list of 19 emotions. The data were fed into a computer and the results were statistichighly significant, in other words, predictions of body movement, broken eye-contact and fractured speech patterns were valid for most of the sub-

Fifteen reported embarrassment, seves did not. The 15 showed a lot more body move-ment (twisting and turning in their seats, clasping hands and so on), much less eye contact with the artist and "speech disturbance "

The unemberrassed displayed none of these non-verbal signs

of embarrassment but instead. they increased eve contact. In the British Journal o Social and Clinical Psychology (18, 385-390) Mr Edekmann speculates that they might truly have been able to ride out the revelation but alternatively they might have been trying to dominate the situation or bury embarrassment by glaring.

Interestingly, when the subtects, whose average age was 31, were told the true objective of the experiment, they all reported being interested and glad to have taken part.

Other experiments conducted by Mr Edelmann in the small, curtained room on the fourth floor have included people's reactions to intimate questions ranging from "what is your favourite television show?"
(low intensity) and "what are (low intensity) and "what are you most ashamed of in your past life?" (medium) to "what are your most private thoughts and fantasies?" (high).

Here again, body movement, eye contact and speech all changed in relation to the decree of intimacy involved. "Embarrassment can never be really hidden with all these non-verbal enes being given off," even though a person may vigorously deny feeling embarrassed." Mr Edelmann said. "Also, I feel it is a highly infectious emotion. When one person becomes embarrassed in a social situation the feeling. spreads to the others and the encounter breaks up.

Embarrassment, as I see it. is the inadvertant stepping outside of a socially approved set of norms. When it happens you feel socially incompetent. So, fear of being ombarrassed can be seen as a form of social control. People try hard to avoid this extremely unpleasant experience and maintain the rules,

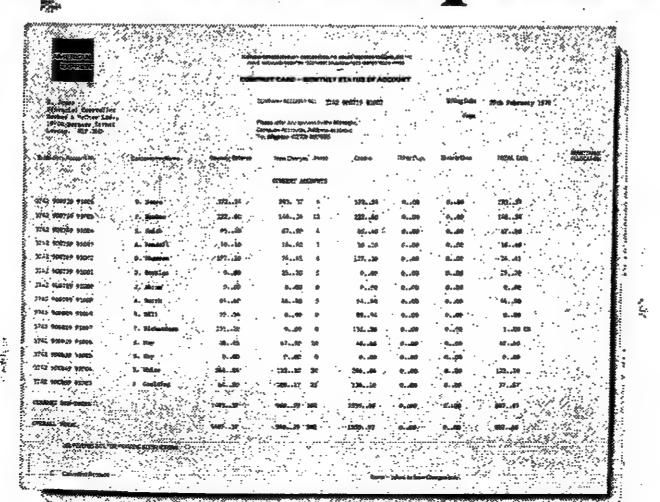
"I want to find the best way of coping with the emotion so-that personal interactions can go smoothly. At the moment I think an attempt to play down

and turn it into a joke and a laugh is the best bet."

Which, in fact, is the outline of the next stage of his research. Perhaps that long-suffering artist might be able to provide a few ideas.

Peter Brock

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 19: The Queen held an
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this morning:
His Excellency the Honourable
Daniel arap Mol (President of the
Republic of Kenya) had an
audience of Her Majesty this after-

nnon.
The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this

evening.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Presi-

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this morning attended a meeding of the Royal Min Advisory Committee at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron of the Institute of Marketing, was present at a luncheon in aid of the College Development Appeal at the Carlton Tower Hotel, London. Wing Commander Autony Nicholson was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon Edward Adeane, visited HM Treasury, Parliament Street, SW1, today.

Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Prince Andrew.

Birthdays today

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The Most Rev George Appleton,
78; Mr Stafford Bourne, 80; Mr
Peter Ford, 68; Sir Owain Jenkins,
73; Rear-Admiral Sir Rowland
Jertam, 90; Commandant Dame
Marion Kettlawell, 66; Mr Cecil
King, 79; Sir Peter Macdonald,
82; Professor Sir William Mansfield Cooper, 77; Sir Frederick
Page, 63; Mr Sidney Poitier, 53;
Dame Marie Rambort, 92; Air
Marshal Sir Anthony Selway, 71.

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Memorial services

Lord Cole

A service of thanksgiving for the
life of Lord Cole, a former Chairman of Unilever Limited, was held
vesterday at the Church of St
Bride, Fleet Street. The roctor.
Prebendary Dewi Morgan, officisted The lesson was read by Sir
Patrick, Macrory and an address
was given by Sir Ernest Woodroofe. Among those present were:
The Hon Juster Cole: (daughter). Mr and
Mrs Justen Tiby.
Viscount Leverhaine. Viscount and Vistonniess Trenchard, Lord Briggs, Lord
Harris of High Cross, Lady Heywarin,
Lord Roth of Casificary, Lord Murry
of Newhaven, Lord O'Rrien of Loth
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Collingwood, Mr and Mrs J. C.
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Lapanan, Mrs A. P. Kniel, Professor

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Mr E. H. Thomas
A thankstiving service for the life
of Mr Edward Hugh Thomas was
held yesterday at the Church of St
Roltoph without Bishoosgate. The
Rev A. J. Tanner officiated. Mr
Roger Quilt, Mr John Rott, Mr
Warren Tuddenham. Girector,
Pleasurams, who read the lesson,
and Lord Harmer-Nicholls, chairman Pleasurams. who gave an man Pleasurams, who gave an address, took part in the service.

Mr Robin McDouali hopes to trank personally those friends who sent books, flowers, wine and cards while he was in hospital.

25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, Feb 19, 1985.

Feb 19, 1855.
Lieutenant-Commander G. G.
Marten has accepted under protest
the offer of the Commissioners of
Crown Lands to sell 725 acres at
Crichel Down, Dorset, to him, but Crichel Down, Dorset, to him, but is urging arbitration on the price with a view to a reduction of the figure of £15,000. . . . Commander Marten said last night that he was asking for the price to be settled by arbitration because he was not satisfied that the figure required by Crown Lands represented a fair market value. "While accepting the offer because we had to do so by today, we have made a proviso that hecause we had to do so by today, we have made a proviso that should the minister agree that the principle of arbitration should be applied in this case, we should expect a revision of the figure of £15,000." Commander Marten explained that when the Air Ministry compulsorily purchased the 725 acres before the war the three owners between them were paid a sum of around £7,500 and a further £5,000 as compensation for injurious affection as the land was to be used as a bombing range.

Today's engagements.

The Queen opens the Hope Town Salvation Army Hostel, Whitechapel, 3. he Duke of Edinburgh chairs

The Duke of Edinburgh chairs Selection Panel for The Duke of Edinburgh's Design Prize, Design Prize, Design Centre, Haymarket, 11; as President, attends council meeting of the Royal Yachting Association, Little Ship Club, Upper Thames Street, 4; presents the first Country Life and Farming Award, Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, Adelphi, 6; attends Sportsman's Night in aid of the Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Young People, Players' Theatre, Villiers Street, 8.30. The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board visits British Rall Headquarters, 11; Chester Barrie Ltd, Crewe, 12.45; V. G. Isotopes Ltd, Winsford, Cheshire, 3.30.

The Duchess of Kent visits HMS Kent, Pool of London, West-minster Pier, 11.25. minster Pier, 11.25.
Exhibitions: "The Vikings"
British Museum, 10-5. "Images
of Ourselves": a selection of
figurative prints. Print Gallery,
Tate Gallery, Millbank, 10-6.
Zdisław Ruszkowski, watercolours, Camphell and Franks
(Fine Arts), 37 New Cavendish
Street, 10.30-5.30, "The
Chiaroscuro Cut": a show of
colour prints of the 1920s and
1930s, Parkin Gallery, 11 Motcombe Street, 10-6.
Talks/Lectures: "Biculturism in

combe Street, 10-6.

Talks/Lectures: "Blculturism In Third World fiction" seminar led by Dr Uma Parameswaran, The Africa Centre, 38 King Street, 6-30. "Queen Victoria as an Artist from her sketchbooks in the Royal Collection" by Marina Walker, Royal College of Arts, 8 John Adam Street, 2-30. "Sacrifice and prayer in Greek Art" by Anton Powell, 11.30, "Music and dance in Greek society" by Patsy Vanags, 1.15, British Museum, Lunchtime music: Equinox, vocal Vanags, 1.15, British Museum, Lunchtime music: Equinov, vocal quartet, St Olave, 1.05; Rinhard Townend introduces "Great organ music", St Margaret Lothbury, 1.10; Timothy Hone, organ recital, St Bride's, 1.15; Wendy Payen-Payne, organ recital, St Martin-within-Ludgate, 1.15.

Forthcoming .

Mr D. St V. Llewellyn and Miss V. M. T. Hubbard The engagement is announced hetween David, eidest son of Sir Harry Llewellyn, Br, and the Hon Lady Llewellyn, of Llanvair Grange, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, and Vanessa, youngest daughter of Lieutenaut-Commander Perogrine and Lady Miriam Hubbard, of Moreton Hall, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk,

Mr P. W. Bonney and Miss J. M. Ireland-Blackburne The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Bonney, of Prescot, Laucashire, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Ireland-Blackburne, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr and Mrs Eric Gordon Martin, of Aldwick Bay, West Sussex, and Sarab Alexandra, daughtar of Mr and Mrs Ian Forbes Watson, of Abbotroury Road, Holland Park, London.

Mr T. B. Langion and Mrs R. A. Clarke The engagement is annuaced between Thomas Bennett Langion

and Rosamonde Ann Clarke Inco

Law Society
The President of the Law Society,

The President of the Law Society, Mr John Stebbings, was host at a luncheon held at 60 Carey Street, yesterday. The guests were: The High Commissioner for Barbades, Lord Astor of Hever. Sir Geolfrey Howe, OC. MP. Sir Robert Megarry, Major-Conerol Sir Alan Addir. Sir Arthur Driver, Mr Peter Taylor, OC. Mr Michael Young, Mr J. D. Clarke, Mr W. Heath and Mr J. L. Bowron tascrotary-general).

The President and Vice-Presidents of the Sino-British Trade Council, Lord Nelson of Stafford, Sir John Keswick and Mr Bernard Buckman,

and mombers of council, gave a luncheon in honour of Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister of State for Trade, at the Oxford and Cam-bridge Club yesterday.

Speaker The Speaker gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening in horour of M Léon Bollendortt

mas present and other guests were:
Lord Ardwick, Mr Richard Crawshaw,
MP, Mr Hor Davies, MP, Mr Haw,
Dormand, MP, Mr Robert Edwards,
MP, Mr Percy Grover, QC, MP, Lord
Jannor, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr, Sir
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Mr Peter Rosi, MP, Mr John Roper,
MP, Baroness Vickers, Canon John

Sino-British Trade Council

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By Alan Hamilton

The appeal to restore and renew the venerable cathedral of St Albans, the shring of the first Christian martyr in these islands, has reached \$220,000, it was announced yesterday by the Dean, the Very Rev Peter Moore.

As no cathedral appeal fund has yet falled to reach its target, the

clergy of St Albans confidently expect to reach their original goal of Lim, set in September 1978, by St Alban's Day, June 22. But inflation is even more ravaging than time on the ancient Roman bricks, and a new target of £1.25m has had to be set to ensure completion of essential work to keep the half of the local bashup, Robert Runcie, to archepiscopal status at Lambeth had to be set to ensure completion of essential work to keep the building wind and water tight.

St Albans lays some claim to be St Albans lays some claim to be the oldest of all our great cathedrals the bricks of its tower were already a millenium old when they were scavenged from the ruins of Verulamium in 1077. It has the longest nave of any British cathedral. But being off the principal tourist routes it does not experience the constant public exposure and consequent regular in-

tion. after the marriage of Mr Edward Jewson, only son of the late Colonel John Jewson and Mrs Jewson, and Miss Georgina Villiers, youngest daughter of Msior the Hon Nicholas and Mrs Villiers, held at St Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday, Canon J. A. Baker officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of pale peach silk and a veil with edelweise flowers appliqué. She carried a prayer book. Lord Hyde, Hisry Legge-Bourke. Freddy Collins, Lady Sarah Villiers, Sashs Holdsworth Hunt, Lucinda and Minette Stephenson, Arabella Seymour and Camilla Nickerson attended her. Viscount Ebrington was best man. A reception was held at St James's Palace and the honeymoon will be spent in South Africa and Kenya.

Mr. G. D. Bernstein and Miss E. R. Lewis
The marriage took place on Sunday, February 17, 1980, in Golders
Green Synagogue, of Mr. Geoffrey
David Bernstein, youngest son of Dr. Fred and Dr. Blen Bernstein, and Miss Ellen Ruth Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Walter
Lewis. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Rabbi Frank Lewis and the Rev
Chaim Abramowitz took part in the service.

and Kenya.

to archepiscopal status at Lambath Polace.

It says much for the Norman builders that the parts in most urgent need of restoration are the nineteenth century "improveurgent need of restoration are the nineteconth century "improvements" carried out in less than sympathetic style by Baron Grimthorpe, notably the west front, where there is much deterioration of the stonework. Last year the south side of the huge nave roof the stonework in the style of the stonework in the style of the stonework. Last year the south side of the huge nave roof mittee is looking for a better

Unfortunately for Sheppard and Cooper, the London dealers who spent £26,000 on an Islamic glass vase estimated at from £200 to £300 in Christie's sale of Islamic

and southern Asian works of art yesterday (Tucsday), Spink the underbidder, if no one else, had also spotted a rarity.

Presumably the auctioneers had followed the company of the company

Presumably the auctioneers had felt that the vase, decorated with sharks on the neck and hounds and stags on the body, dated from the mineteenth century. In fact it was from the thirteenth or fourteenth century and made in Alego or Damascus, an area famous for glassmaking.

By Huon Mallalieu

was releaded at a cost of £190,000, and the north side is to be tackled

and the north side is to be tackled this year.

Much of the decayed stone carving has been restored, with the inclusion of Bishop Runcie's bespectacied features among the long-forgetten abbots whose stony faces adorn the roofline. The principal task remaining is the building of a chapter house to replace that demolished in 1539, using Conston-made bricks to match using custom-made bricks to match the Roman originals.

'£250' Islamic vase makes £26,000

response from the 39 other parishes of St Albans around the world, from North America to Papua New Guinea, some of which are expected to send pilgrims this summer to the true site of St Alban's martyrdom in AD 209. Cathedral restoration funds receive no help from central Government, and much of the work done is liable for value-added tax. But the appeal has fared better since the professional fund-raising firm originally hired was dismissed from the project, to be replaced by a group of public-spirited volunteers.

Donations may be sent to the

Donations may be sent to the St Albana Cataedral Appeal, 41 Holywell Hill, St Albana, Hert-

MR J. HOWARD

Despite his many-sided in-terests, and his contributions to, especially, the study of local history in Cheshire, he was a modest person and gentle teacher who never allowed un excellent mind to run away into undue assertiveness, and it was characteristic of the man that he disliked academic politics. effects, they infer, were caused by a large surge in the Anterc-Indeed, he was more interested in helping others to study history than in furthering ambi-tious publishing ventures of his own, although, in fact, his list of published articles and tic ice sheet.

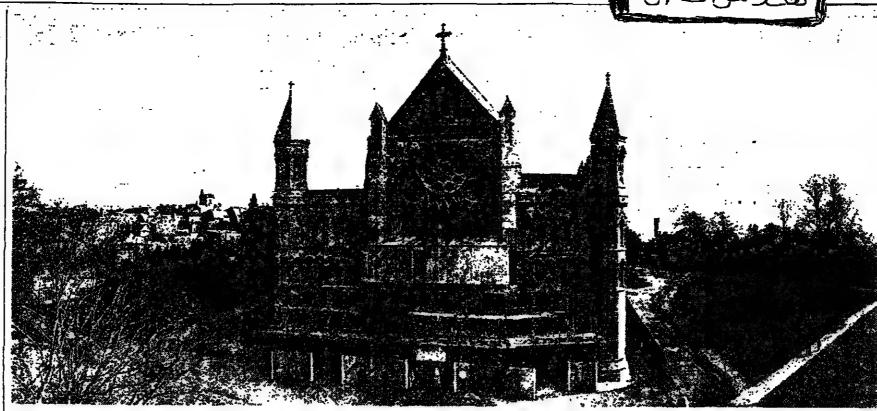
They also speculate that the surge may have caused the last ice age. The extended ice sheet would have reflected a con-siderable amount of the sun's books makes an impressive showing. His main professional handbook, The Administration of Archives (1972) was accomheat back into space, causing the Earth to cool and the ice panied by two workmanlike studies of his adopted town of a valuable survey volume, Cheshire, 1660-1780: Restora-tion to Industrial Revolution (1978), produced for the Cheshire Community Council, He did much to further the

> a major study of early Quaker-ism in Cheshire, and he was, like many good historians, maturing with age and experience. His work was an expres-sion of his personality, and he will be sorely missed by all who

Sir Henry Fisher writes: Patrick Hancock was secre-

because he got so much fun out of life, made it enjoyable for everyone else. The Pilgrim Trust owes a great debt to Patrick Hancock.

and a director of the association from 1951 to 1966, died on Feb-



Restoration work in progress on the West Front of St Albans Cathedral.

Cathedral appeals for £1.25m

Mr R. C. B. Odgers
and Miss J. M. Townson
The engagement is announced between Robin Charles Blake, son
of Mr and Mrs P. R. Odgers, of
Stone Walls, Haddenham, Buckinghamshire, and Jane Margaret,
daughter of the late Commander
J. S. Townson, RN, and Mrs
B. H. C. Nation, of Hatch Court,
Taunton, Somerset, and stepdaughter of Commander B. H. C.
Nation, RN.

Mr J. Scales
and Miss P. C. Woodward
The engagement is announced
between John, son of Mr and Mrs
G. Scales, of Abbess Roding,
Essex, and Catherine, daughter of
Major and Mrs F. W. Woodward,
of Corporated South Person of Cornwood, South Devon.

Mr A. Stafford-Deitsch and Miss L. V. Monier-Williams The ongagement is announced between Androw, eldest son of the between Andrew, eldest son of the late Mr Peter Deltsch, of New York, and of the Duchessa Paterno Castello di Carcaci, of Churt Hill House, Churt, Surrey, and Luclada, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. R. Monler-Williams, of Burrell House, Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Mr C. P. Close
and Miss L. E. Pearson
The espagement is announced
between Colin, younger son of
Mr and Mrs R. E. Close, of 5
Chester Mows. SWI, and Lucy,
younger daughter of Mr and Mrs
B. W. E. Pearson, of 59 Eastern
Road, Birmingiam, B29. Mr A. J. M. Stileman and Miss T. M. Cornock-Taylor The engagement is announced between Authory, eldest son of Mr H. M. Gordon-Martin and Miss S. A. Forbes Watson The engagement is announced between Howard Michael, son of

between Anthony eldest son of Brigadier and Mrs D. M. Stileman, of Wimbledon, and Teresa, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. N. Cornock-Taylor, also of Wimbledon.

Mr R. E. Wilson and Miss A. F. Raisman and Miss A. Mr. R. E. Wilson and Miss R. A. Kerr

The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Wilson, of Sudeley Lodge, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, and Rosemary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kerr, of Frocester Lodge, Stone-house Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire.

Marriages

Dr D. J. W. McMine and Dr M. J. Ashton The engagement is announced be-tween Derek, elder son of Mr and Mrs. W. McMinn, of Dunannon, Mr E. R. R. Jewson and Miss E. G. G. Villiers
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were present at a recepco Tyrone, and Jane, eldest daugh-tar of Professor and Mrs F. Ashton, of Hanbury, Worcester-shire.

Rater, Mrs Shaila Gillen, Captain Prior Shaw, Mrs Liften Stockton, Jaan Walter and Sir Novi Short, Church news

Strafford Club met for dinner at Christ's College, Cambridge, last might. Dr D. J. Watkin, vice-president, was in the chair and the guest of bonour was Sir Michael Maxwell-Scott.

Basketmakers' Company
A. court dinner of the Basketmakers' Company was held at
Glaziers' Hall yesterday. Mr Basil
W. Vincent, Prime Warden, presided, and the Master of the
Glaziers' Company also spoke.
Those present included:
The Master of the Coopers' Company.
Mr J. E. Relley, the Rev Dr Gardon
Huelin and Mr F. W. Rogers.

Reception

Rectord College
Professor Sir Cyril Clarke, Chairman of Council of Bedford College, London University, and Dame Josephine Barnes, chairman of the college appeal, were hosts at a reception held at the college last night after Mrs Shirley Williams had delivered the Fawcett Lecture. Among those present water

Dame Elizabeih Ackroyd, Lady Clarke, Miss T. J. Dillon. Dr. Roger and Professor Inga-Silna Ewbank. Mrs. Catherine Freeman. Mrs. Cold Gimpel, Raroness Lockwood, Professor Niconi McIntoh. Mrs. G. F. Matitand-Wayne. Mrs. Professor Mary Stott and Professor Kalhieen Tillotamn.

Mr. D. E. Harris and Miss Z. MacDonald The marriage took place on February 16, 1980, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, between Mr. Daniel Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harris, of Arkansas, United States, and Miss Zara MacDonald, daughter of Mrs. Christopher Maude and Mr. R. I., MacDonald.

Appointments The Rev W. Bance, priest-in-charge of Wendron, diocese of Truro is he prest-in-charge of Holy Traity, Ryds. Miccase of Portsmouth.

The Rev A. J. Bosschapf, rector of Sapson, diocese of Salianat, Australia, principle of the Principle of Portsmouth of Salianat, Australia, principle of Portsmouth of Salianat, Australia, principle of Portsmouth of Salianat, Australia, and California, Westborough, diocese of Salianat, Australia, at the California of the Salianata Salianata, and the Salianata Sal

Guildiord.

The Rev T. F. Builer, chaplein of the University of Keni St Canterbury and six preacher in Canterbury Cathedral to be Archdeacon of Northolt, diocess of London. of London.

The Rev A. E. H. Clayton, hoborary turate in charge of Lockington cum Homington, diocese of Leicester, to be priest-in-charge of Ealthn and Eastwall, same discrete. prices in charge of Salon and Lesiwal, amer distret.

The five P. W. Dearning, priest-in-thurse of Emmanuel with Sarnabas hidrage, Road, discose of London, is be area doarn of Islington, same discose, As from March 1, 1980.

The Rev G. R. J. Force-Jones, rector of Oldbury, discose of Salabory, to be rector of the Upper Kennet Isam ministry, some discose of Salabory, to be victor of New M. W. Fryer, priest-incharge of Scarcitifa, discose of Darby, to be vicar of Newhall, same discose in the color of Corringham, discose of Lincoln, to be rector of Corringham, discose of Lincoln, and the color of Corringham, discose of Lincoln, the Rev P. Hallett, curate of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in be priest-in-charge of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest-in-charge of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest-in-charge of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest-in-charge of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest-in-charge of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest-in-charge of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest-in-charge of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest-in-charge of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest-in-charge of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest of Starnavorth with Catcillife, discose of Shortield, in the priest of St vicar of St Andrew, Jorsey, Cl. same
The Rev R. Strange, rector of St
Mary's. Runwell, diocone of Cholmaford, to be prest-in-charge of Treverbyn, diocese of Truro
Compiled by the Church Information
Office, Church Russ, London SW1.

making a total of £45,475 with 17 per cent bought in, and at Christle's South Kensington an English collector paid £2,400 for 109 volumes of Bradshaw's Railway Guide from 1864 to 1914 lestimate £1,000 to £1,500). This was in a sale of transport art and literature which made a total of £22,150 with 15 per cent bought in. Three of the other London sale Only one like it, which was sold privately some seven years ago, has been on the market since the war, but there are similar examples in the Victoria and Albert Museum and the British Museum. This one is particularly important, since unlike most of mosque lamps, beakers and jars

Science report Palaeontology: Antarctic ice surges

By the Staff of Nature Strong evidence has been found in New Guinea for an episode of extensive oceanic cooling accompanied by a rapid rise in sea level, about 120,000 years ago, according to a paper recently published in Nature.

That unusual combination was probably caused by a large surge in the extent of the Antarctic ice

in the extent of the Americic ice sheet; such surges are believed to have been linked with the development of ice ages.

The bistory of the Earth's climate has been marked by periods of high and low temperatures, lasting for tens or hundreds of thousands of years. It appears that comparatively warm periods (such as that in progress now) have ended quite rapidly with the onset of ice ages.

Several factors are thought to influence the occurrence of ice ages, one of which is the extent of the Antarctic ice theets. Information about their past behaviour is therefore of considerable importance. portence.

portance.

During previous warm periods, the Antarctic continent was covered with a deep layer of ice, building up very gradually. Such conditions are observed in Antarctica today. However, scientists believe that the ice mass can behave differently once it reaches a certain size.

The combination of the huge weight of ice and of natural heat flowing upwards from the rocks below would melt the lowest layer of ice. That melted layer would enable the ice to flow, and thus would generate more heat by friction. There would then be

Latest wills Air Chief Marshal Percy Rocald Gardner Bernard, Earl of Bandon, of Co Cork, left an estate valued at f125,899.

at f125,899.

Other estates include (net. before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Baucroft, Mrs Monica, of Blackburn f121,642

Bedwell, Mrs Edith Doris, of Blackburn f151,658

Bedwell, Mrs Edith Doris, of Bleasby, Nottinghamshire f141,321

Gerrards Cross f151,658

Bowles, Mr George Walter, of Long Stratton, Norfolk f125,666

Coleman, Miss Helen Grace, of Colchester f161,766

Cheltenham f183,455

Lecath, Mr Alexander, of Brocken-of Brocken-of St Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire of St Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire of St Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire of St Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire f189,662

Marriott, Mr John James, of Attenborough, Nortinghamshire f185,470

Marriott, Mr John James, of Attenborough, Nortinghamshire, f185,470

Marriott, Mr John Fox, of Attenborough, Nortinghamshire, f185,470

Webb, Mr Reginald George, of Colchester f186,192

more melding, and therefore faster proportions of the two isotopes in the water. Giant clams that Eventually there would be a rapid surge and a large proportion of the ice would be transferred from the land on to the ocean surface, to form a vast ice shelf, cooling the ocean and causing a rapid rise in sea level. have lived, died and been pre-served in the Huon reefs over the period in question have now been used to provide a history of oxygen isotope com-position from which temperatures can be deduced. The scientists report that about 120,000 years ago a rapid rise in sea level of about eight

consing a rapid rise in sea level.

Evidence that such events have taken place in the past is reported in Nature by Dr Paul Abaron, Dr John Chappell and Dr William Compston, of the Institute of Advanced Studies of the Australian National University in Canberra. Their evidence arises from a remarkable series of coral reels in the Huon Peminsula of New Guipea. Guinea.

The reefs have been formed during successive changes in sea level over the past few hundred thousand years. As a consequence of geophysical processes the peninsula land mass has been rising and wall the second gradually over that period, leaving the reefs more and more exposed. Radioactive dating of the successive reefs has provided a precise record of the changes in sea level.

The reefs also hold valuable information about the temperature of the water. Ocean waters contain two kinds of oxygen, one with a slightly heavier atom than the other. The pro-portions of those oxygen "isotopes" is related to the temperature of the sea.

Shellfish living in the water incorporate oxygen into the fabric of their shells, and therefore retain a record of the

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Moreau, of Bath .. £130,916 Rose, Mr Harry, of Uxbridge £312,044 Simpson, Mr John Douglas, of Richmond, Yorksbire .. £236,045 Simpson, Miss Kathleen Annette,

metres was accompanied by an oceanic cooling of a few degrees Centigrade. Such

age to develop.

The cause of ice ages is still

uncertain, Indeed, evidence for their occurence is rather con-fused, so the exact dates and

geographical extents of ice ages have still to be worked

out. Nevertheless, the new results suggest that America

ice surges constitute a factor that can be taken seriously.

Source: Nature, vol 283, page 549 (Feb 14), 1980).

degrees

University news

Oxford
Appointment
Professor G. S. Mar Eolam. Professor
of old and middle irish. Gaiway University to be O'Dornard locturer in
Cellic studies for the academic sair.
Elections:
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or Sir William Pation.
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the College de France. Chevaller de la
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Dr P. D. Mitchell, FRS. Nobel Laurents
for Chemistry. 1978: Professor H.
Franke. americs professor of East
Asian culture and philology. Munich
University Edinburgh

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Appointments
The Rev Fergus Smith to auctived the
Rev Hardis Smith as chaplain at the
Rev Hardis Smith as chaplain at the
end of September.
Performer France, reader in French at
Sussey University, and Professor John
Renwick, who holds the chair of
French and is Pro-Vice-Chancollar of
Ulster University, to hold chairs of
French.

Mantbotts Grants
Science Research Council: 2312.237 to
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Science Research Lovell for radio
astronomy: £46.500 to Mr D. Charlesworth, development of small bore
stretch prosthesis. £42.676 to Dr
H. C. Richardson and Dr F. W. J.
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and learned movements; £36.372 to Dr T. A. King, development and application of techniques for polymer risorption and colloid stability studies; £32.622 to Dr T. A. King molecular dynamics in polymer fugulate and glasses. Research Campaign: £66.472 to Professor D. Crowther for cancer research. TO Professor D. Laurence research indefeal Research Council: £37,168 to Dr R. Goren and Dr J. C. Atherton, research into read function during programmer in the rat.

Sheffield
Honorary degrees will be conferred
on the following later this year;
D Mai; Emeritus Pralessor A. C. Quarrell, former president of the institution of virelalungis and chairman of
the Board of the Council of Science
and Tochnology Institution.
MD: Dr. B. Sneddon, consultant
dermatologist of the Shoffield Area
Heath Authority
LLD: Mr. Shirley Williams, former
Socrotary of State for Education and
Science and State for Education and Sheffield Secretary of State for Education and Science D&c: Emercius Professor Alice Garmett, former president of the Institution of Rritish Geographers and the Geographical Association. Sec. Professor Associate Emericas H. Miller, former president of the Hospital Physicials Association and of the British Institution of Reddology. Drugs: Professor D w Armold president of the Royal Music Association. Dult: Professor J. P. Kenvon, grant professor of Phistory. Hull University, and eminent seventeents-century English historian. and eminent seventeenth-reality English historian M. Evens, former heneral
PDS: Dr. M. Evens, former heneral
practitioner and homorary teacher in
general reality in the Department of
London Mills of the Department of
London Mills of the Department of
London Environment and in the United
Nations committee on housing.
PhD: Mr D. N. Riter, honorary lethard archaeology and Ancient History
and Archaeology Fellow of the Society
of Antiquaries,
grades Mass Jacquaime du Pré, ronowned cellist.

Internationalists win bridge contest title

The Woolwich Building Society pairs championship organized by the English Bridge Union and scored over the two centres of Eastbourne and Harrogate was won by British internationals Mrs Sandra Landy and Mrs Sally Sowter by a large margin.

At Harrogate, in the three-team final, each team won and lost one match, thereby ticing with two victory points each. That had to be resolved by the imps score in their individual matches where Armstrong beat Shenkin by eight imps and lost to Wrigley by nine imps leaving the table: Armstrong plus 4, Shenkin plus 1, Wrigley minus 5.

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At Eastbourne a three-team final produced a clear-cut result as Stanley and Waterlow each beat Roth. In the key match Stanley heat Waterlow by 57—48 after being down at half-time. There will be a play off at Brighton on August 7-3 between K. E. Stanley's team and J. M. Armstrong's team. Pplrs. 1 Mrs 8. Landy, Mrs S. Sowter, 2,675. 2 Dr and Mrs R. Chenh. 2,647. 3, 10 Grand Mrs R. Mervis. 2,513. 3. Cought Panio. M. Wiodercyk, 2,303; A. N. Gardon, P. Jackson, 2,503.

Royal Horticultural Show a blaze with seasonal colour

By Our Horticultural
Correspondent
The first show of the year of the
Royal Horticultural Society at the
New Hall, Westminster, is ablaze
with colour and interest, as might
be expected following the unusually mild weather.

There are delightful displays of
many spring flowering plants,
especially unusual bulbous ones,
and some fine specimens of trees
and shrubs, a number in full
bloom. bloom.
One of the central displays

One of the central displays attracting considerable attention is the gold medal-winning exhibit of Thomas Rochford, Hoddesdon. Among some very fine foliage houseplants two worthy of note are the variegated Ficus nidda. Hawaii and F. europa 'Zula Shield', both new and likely to prove very popular. Other new plants which are outstanding, but not available until the autumn, are their new Cyclamen persicunt hybrids. These are compact plants, very floriferous (one example is carrying over 100) blooms), come in a lovely range of colours and more than 40 per cent are fragrant. They are hardier than normal and will make good houseplants for cool rooms.

The other two gold medals

painings. Suzanne Lucas, Bourtod, was awarded hers for a large
number of exquisitely painted
toadstools and other fungi. The
other was achieved by Barbara
Shaw, Keighley, for a collection
of delicately executed paintings of
coniferous plants.

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f The orchid exhibits are attracting much attention and there are some excellent plants of paphiopedilum, phalaenopsis, pleione, lodostaretria, cymbidium, brassia, masdevallia, and the lovely minatures sophromits, augracum and promenaea. The range of forms and colours is excellent and the orchid stands give an exotic appearance among the other plants exhibited.

Trees and shrubs which give winter and early spring interest are always in demand and several exhibitors have created main features of these plants. One exhibitor has a good collection of

were given to: Araucaria araucana, succulent green leaves, from Major E. W. M. Magor, St Tudy; Medinilla cummingii, red branched, purple fruits, from the director, Royal Boranic Gardens, Kew; Odontia 'Monr Millais', multicoloured red, and Odontia 'Jumbo Mont Millais', white and crimson, both from Mr E. E. Young, St Helier, Jersey; unnamed Camellia hybrid, blushpink, from Dr J. A. Smart, Barnstaple; and Lonicera settlera, blush-pink, from Hampshire County Council, Hillier Arboretum, Romsey.

The competitive classes for ornamental plants from the open is

The competitive classes for ornamental plants from the open is extremely well attended and there are some very fine specimens on display. Class 1, for four trees and/or shrubs shown for their flowers, fruits, foliage or coloured bark has been won by the Crown Estate Commissioners, Windsor, with Sorbus hupehensis, Rhododendron 'Choremia', Acer palmatum and Ilex aquifolium 'Myrtifolium Aureo-Maculatum'. The Crown Estate Commissioners have also won class 2, for three orna-

make good houseplants for cool rooms.

The other two gold medals awards from the committee into loom, with Rhododendron awarded at this show were for First Class Certificate: Primula 'Dauricum', Sarcococca hooks-

rona 'Digyna', and Hamomalis mollis 'Pallida'. A consistent prize winner in the other classes is Mr Robert Stephenson Clarke, is Mr Robert Stephenson Clarke, Haywards Heath.

The British Iris Society Is holding its first show of the year and in the competitive classes Mr W. Christopher, Rickmansworth, won first prize for irises from the rediculata section in one pan, Mrs A. Blanco-White, London, won the unrestricted class for reticulata irises, and Mr D. Goodwin, Loughton, the "Winter's end" class for three irises.

At the Annual General Meeting At the Annual General Meeting held yesterday, the president, Lord

Aberconway, reported that one of the outstanding events of 1979 had been the reliabilitation of the R.H.S. Old Hall. Other events of considerable satisfaction were the near record attendance of 244,000 near record attendance of 244,000 to Chelsea Flower Show. and a net increase of 8,519 members in the past 12 months, despite the increased subscription rates from the beginning of the year. Membership is now at a record level of more than 80,000 and the past year had been a good one finantially, though it was still necessary to though it was still necessary to build up financial reserves to com-

bat rising costs. 10 am to 5 pm.

OBITUARY NATHAN YALIN-MOR former member of Stern Gang

Nathan Yalin-Mor, who was a commander of the terrorist ! Stern Gang which fought the British-mandate in Palestine in the 1940s, died on February 1841 in Tel Aviv at the age of 66. The British Government had the high Govern of Yalin-Mor (then known by his original name of Nathan-Friedman-Yellin) who was a number of the triumviate which succeeded Ababam Stern at the helm of the "fishrers for at the helm of the "fighters for the freedom of Israel". The group was the most ruthless of the Jewish underground groups fighting the British. It selected as its targets British soldiers and policemen in contrast tothe other groups which preferred to attack buildings, and other symbols of British

rule. Shortly after Israel's independence Yalin-Mor was arrested for the murder of Count Folke Bernadotte, the Swedish UN mediator, who had been assassinated outside Jerusalem in 1948. Will compare the Swedish UN mediator, who had been assassinated outside Jerusalem in 1948. Will compare the salem in 1948. salem in 1948, His comrades, put him up for Perliament in the first Israel national cletcions with the avowed purpose of saving him from prison. He was sentenced to seven years jail for membership of illegal organizations but was freed in a general amnesty honouring the first election.

Yalin-Mor served only one

term in the legislature. He gradually broke with his under-ground comrades and became a dove in Israel-Arab relations with a pronounced pro-Soviet orientation. He was active in a succession of left wing movements and was a prolific contributor to newspapers and bournels. He travelled to various countries including Britain and the Soviet Union. He had been born in Groduo, in:
Poland and escaped from the country during the Second World War, reaching Palestine in 1941.

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by the Syrian glass makers it has never been buried and is in pristine condition. About eight years ago Christie's sold a covered jar from the same area, but in less gnod condition, for £12.000.

The rest of the sale, which produced a total of £79,444 with 10 per cent bought in, went well with many lots selling at the upper end of their estimates. A dealer from America paid £2.500 for a Seljuk broaxe globular bucket, decorated with Harpy medallions and duting from the twelfth or thirteenth century (estimate £2.500 for 1.000).

Christie's also sold silhouettes, miniatures and objects of vertual making a total of £45,475 with 17 per cent bought in, and at Christie's East Managharm, and the series of the sale of antiquides and tribal art which made £15,967 at 1910 per cent bought in, and at Christie's East Managharm, and the series in their seles. In a two-day book auction at Sotheby's which sold £40,971 with less than 1 per cent failing to find a buyer, there was a copy of A New System of Geography by J. Seller, 1691, which sold for £700 against an estimate of from £60 to £150. At Bonbam's, where the silver sale brought £43,291 with 2 per cent unsold, a Continental dealer paid £1,100 for a Japanese trinket box in sale of antiquides and tribal art which made £15,967 at 1910 per cent bought in, and at \$200 per cent bought in, and at \$200 per cent failing to find a buyer, there was a copy of A New System of Geography by J. Seller, 1691, which sold for £700 against an estimate of from £60 to £150. At Bonbam's, where the silver sale brought £43,291 with 2 per cent unsold, a Continental dealer paid £1,100 for a Japanese trinket box in sale of antiquides and tribal art which made £15,967 at 1910 per cent failing to find a buyer, there was a copy of A New System of Geography by J. Seller, 1691, which sold for £700 against an estimate of from £60 to £150. At Bonbam's, where the silver sale brought £43,291 with 2 per cent unsold, a Continental dealer paid £1,100 for a Japanese trinket box in sale of antiquides and tribal a Dr J. D. Marshall writes: The news of J. Howard Hod-son's unexpected and untimely death on February 6 will come as a shock to many scores of his former students at the University of Manchester, to archivists throughout the country, and to devotees of local history in the 2.200 to £250).

In a sale of antiquides and tribal art which made £15,967 at Phillips, a pair of North American Indian buffalo hoofs decorated with beads and estimated at £50 sold for £1,700. Midlands and North-west. He had been, since 1966, the Head of the Department of Palmeo-graphy and Archive Studies at that University, but was also a Phillips also held a sale of furniture, in which 54,800 was that University, but was also a historian by background, with a first-class degree in history taken also at Manchester (1946); where he held the Bradford and Shuttleworth History Scholarships and won the Thomas Brown Memorial Prize in History paid for a George III mahogany breakfast secretaire bookcase with gothic astragal doors lestimate 24,000). The sale made £52,958 with 7 per cent unsold. tory. Thereafter, his long and distinguished cereer in archives administration, added to his ability to perform original his-torical research, gave his talents additional play, and produced a combination of strengths which made him outstanding in the archives world. In addition, he had good qualifications as a teacher and a librarian.

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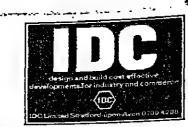
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IN BRIEF

Net sales of unit trusts down in January

Unit trust sales at £35.5m in January were the highest for eight months, but repurchases were also at an eight-month high of £34.4m leaving ner sales only £1.1m compared with

54.2m the previous month.

The initial launches of three new funds last month more than account for the net increase, while net sales of unit trust linked life assurance averaged £7m a month in the last quarter of 1979.

The aggregate value of unit trust-linked contracts now amounts to £1,019.9m, about total funds under management of £4,275.8m at the end of

Call for Opec summit

The United Arab Emirates has proposed that the organiza-tion of Petroleum Exporting Countries hold an extraordinary summit next month to study unifying its oil prices. Mr Maneh Said al-Oteiba, the UAE oil minister, announced this in a broadcast from Abu Dhabi.

Eurodif trouble

Iran's decision to pull out of the Eurodif project for the pro-duction of enriched uranium duction of enriched uranium has left France, the principal shareholder, in great difficulty in raising the money to complete the scheme. Iran had a 10 per cent share in the 10 per cent"share in the 22,000m franc (about £2,378m)

City regulation plea

Mr Nicholas Goodison, chair-man of the Stock Exchange, says that regulation in the City has gone far enough and is in danger of stifling initiative. But while the need is for an industrial and commercial revival. the political mood still seems to favour more regulation. .

Oil usage warming

An official French report by a forecasting group says European Community energy con-sumption in the next 10 years will double unless major savings are achieved, and that Europe's position will remain tinues to import huge quantities

£21m new orders

More than £21m of new orders have now been con-firmed for nine gas turbines and associated power genera-tion plant from John Brown land. They include three tur-bines for the BP North Sea Magnus Field, five for the ALBA smeller in Bahrain and one for Conoco's refinery in

Petrol prices up

British Petroleum, Mobil and Texaco, following Shell and Esso on Monday, have increased their petrol prices. At the pumps today all grades of Mobil. petrol will rise by about 31p, BP's prices will be between 3p and 31p higher and Texaco garages will charge an average 31p more.

GKN's £50m tender

Burmah Oil 6p to 217p
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uneven last year, influenced heavily by strikes and the budget. There was a sharp rise in GDP in the second quarter of the year as industry recovered from strikes and bad weather at the beginning of Guest Keen and Nortlefolds is involved in advanced negotia-tions with the East German Government to build a forging 1979, and as consumers spent heavily in anticipation of tax plant for truck components. Industry sources said the GKN tender could approach £50m. increases in the budget.

Pressures mounting for Budget cut in public borrowing level

Economics Editor

A growing concern about the impact that high interest rates are having on the economy is

are having on the economy is putting increasing pressure on Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to cut back public borrowing in his Budget on March 26.

He may try to get the total of borrowing down to around £9,000m or even below, thus ensuring that the Government's deficit does not rise above the level of the current year. level of the current year.

If he decides to do that, the

Budget will have to be tough, the Budget will have to be tough, beginning a period of two to three years of falling roal take home pay. There is a growing question mark over whether the Chancellor will be able to give the increases in personal all the increases in personal allowances implied by the Rooker-Wise amendment, which increases personal allowances automatically in line with inflation. The cost of implemen-ting this in full could be £2,000m,

There is an increasing feel-ling that the country has not fully grasped the gravity of the economic situation it faces, with prospects of precipitate decline and decay. It now seems prob-able that the recession which is just beginning will last until near the end of next year at least, with output falling in both 1980 and 1981. The recovery in 1982 may be relatively feeble at

This picture of falling output is made worse, as far as living standards are concerned, by what is seen as the need to restore the health of the cor-porate sector through restoring profits. Persuading people to accept cuts in their take home pay to do this is likely to be one of the Government's most difficult tasks in the years

GDP rise

last quarter

the whole of 1979 the economy

stagnated, with little change in

the size of the gross domestic

Yesterday's figures which give

preliminary government esti-mates of gdp in the final three

months of lest year, show a rise

measured by output, of 0.4 per cent between the third and

Much of this rise was due to

a recovery in output after the

in October. The non-industrial

sector was more buoyant, since

industry's output fell slightly between the third and fourth

quarters, according to figures published last week.

The Government's figures for

indicator of short-term move-

ments in the economy. Recently it has diverged considerably from one of the other measure

of economic output, expendi-ture. The latter grew much more

slowly, and to some extent has depressed the Treasury's aver-

age measure.
The economy's progress was

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both Treasury ministers and Cabiner colleagues who are variously described as dovish or wet. Increasing signs that there is growing international pressure for a further increase in interest rates has helped convince the Government that there is little prospect of a spontaneous fall in interest

rates. Sir Geoffrey said on BBC Radio's "Today" programme yesterday that while he hoped interest rates would soon fall, this could not happen until Government borrowing was reduced. The Public Sector Borrowing Requirement (PSBR) is expected to be around £9,000m or perhaps slightly less in the year to April,

In recent months the Govern-ment has been increasingly convinced of the closeness of the link between the size of Govern-ment borrowing and pressures to raise interest rates.

This is because the Government may be forced to push up interest rates of its borrowing rises so that it can self enough gilt-edged stock to keep the money supply under control. Partly because of the impact of the recession the Government's deficit will tend to rise next year to around £11,000m if no corrective action is taken.

Some advisers have suggested that borrowing ought to be allowed to rise in order to counterract the effects of the recession. This view seems to be losing out in Government councils. Instead, the feeling is that a Government committed barrowing down ought not to allow it to rise significantly just because of short-run move

level of interest rates are feeling that financial markets almost intolerably high unites would interpret a borrowing requirement of above £10,000m as a significant relaxation of the Government's determination to reduce inflation. The Chancellor's task

getting the borrowing require-ment down for the year ahead is made more difficult by the pressures on him to do something to ease the position of the corporate sector, which is facing increasing strain in its tion is being given to reducing the employers National Insur-ance surcharge as a way of helping companies, At the same time, there is thought to be little scope to ruise significant quantities of extra revenue by increasing indirect taxes because of the inflationary effect this would have.

Although some cuts in public spending have been agreed, the numbers seem to point inexorably to the need to take a tough line on income tax to raise more revenue.

Refusing to increase personal allowances to keep pace with inflation could mean that more people would have to pay tax and that taxpayers' bills would increase as the earnings went

It would, however, probably be less politically embarrassing than increasing the standard rate of income tax from its present level of 30p in the pound. The Government is hoping to reduce this figure to 25p in the pound in the years

expedient might be to change the incidence of the lower rate of tax so that it affected fewer neopie or

Chances of reform, page 21

Receiver called in at **Dunbee toy group**

m receiver Although the group is trading profitably in the United King-dom, it has been crippled by losses in America and Europe and cannot meet its liabilities under guarantees of the overseas companies' debts.

has been put into the hands of

As well as appointing a receiver for the parent com-pany. Midland Bank has appointed a receiver to all British subsidiaries except those in the Martlet Group of DIY and industrial businesses which include Decco, Dunbee and the Stephen Wilson group. A flotation, through an offer for sale, is planned and this could raise some fom for the stricken

economic growth and industrial group. Mr Richard Beecham, founproduction show no sign of the expected recession. However, der and join managing director the economy may well be con-tracting now, efter stagnating of the group, said yesterday that the problem in the United States had a "domino effect" During . 1978 and 1979 the on the overseas bankers. Because of the continuing tradeconomy grew overall by about 1.75 per cent. However, much of losses in America, 1.75 per cent. However, much of this was due to North Sea oil. Excluding oil and gas production and associated activities, gdp grew by only just over 0.5 per cent during the year.

Treasury forecasts are believed to predict a drop in GDP of 2.5-3 per cent this year. The output measure of GDP is thought to be the most reliable undiester of shortstern move-United States creditors have applied to the court for a moratorium to protect their

This appears to have been the final blow. Mr Beecham said: "It only we had been given more time everything would be all right. We have plenty of reserves". Although the 1979 figures have not yet been released, he admitted that

By Our Economics Staff

British output grew very slightly in the last quarter of 1979 according to official figures published yesterday. In the whole of 1979 the according to Scalextric and Pedigree 1979 th

Marx interests—which Mr Beecham described as getting rid of the "cancer" at the time signing letters of intent appear to have failen through.
Leisure Dynamics, which
called off talks a few days ago,
described the Aurora side as
"not worth having". But Mr
Beecham said that he had found another buyer and emphasized that Empire was about to sign the deal to buy the Marx side. Dunbee's shares were sus pended on Monday at 22p. valuing the company at £5m. It is not thought that the group's assets will cover any payment to shareholders though the Stock Exchange has been approached to allow trading to restart before the end of the financial year to give share-holders the chance to make a

loss for tax purposes. The company, founded after the Second World War by Mr Beecham and Mr Basil Feld-man, his fellow managing direc-tor, originally made bathing

A run of profits growth peaked in 1977 at £6.5m but, as problems in America rose and losses were also made in Ger-many and Australia, it slumped into deficit. In the first six months of 1979 losses totalled deficit. In the first six has of 1979 losses totalled. The receiver is Mr P. Sterling has been riding high for most of this year. North Sea oil and high British interest rates have attracted a substan-£5m. The receiver is Mr P. Shewell, Shewell, of accountants 'Coopers & Lybrand.

Newman directors face £450,000 damages bill for attempt to mislead shareholders

Two directors of Newman Industries will have to pay dam-ages of at least £450,000 as a result of an attempt to "trick and mislead" shareholders into accepting a deal which was not in the financial interests of the

company.

At the end of one of the longest and most costly post-war actions in the High Court, Mr Justice Vinelott ruled yesterday that the Prudential Assurance Company—a minority bolder in Newman—and other shareholders bad suffered damage as a result of the con-

spiracy.

The judge held that the Prudential had established that a takeover by Newman of assets of Thomas Poole Gladstone terests of, or for the benefit of,

The deal was set up by Mr Alan Bartlett, the Newman chairman and Mr John Lauch-ton, the vice chairman, who also headed the board of Thomas Ponle. However, the judge doubted However, the judge doubted if Mr Bartlett ever fully understood the difficulties and dangers inherent in the conflicts which were bound to

arise between the interests of associated companies. "When disaster loomed Mr Bertlett saw the destruction of what he genuinely believed to the ultimate benefit of Newman' that it should be paired with a network of associated com-

"But to say that Mr Bartlett-was motivated at least in part by his desire to keep the

by his desire to keep the package together, and that he believed benefits would ultimately flow from it, is not to excuse his conduct, he said. Thomas Poole Gladstone, which had a 25.6 per cent holding in Newman, was itself 35 per cent owned by Strongpoint, a company wholly-owned by Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Laughton In a company wholly-owned by Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Laughton. In June, 1975, a deal was constructed — signed by Mr. Laughton without approval from Newman shareholders—to buy a package of Thomas Poole assets. These assets excluded the Newman shares and a £100,000 debt owed by Strongpoint.

Later that month Mr Bartlett sent a circular to Newman shareholders which, the Prudential claimed, had been intended to induce the approval of the scheme, designed to benefit Thomas Poole at the

Strongpoint.

expense of Newman The judge, who described the circular as "tricky and mis-leading", said that a share-holder reading it would be quite unable to form any assessment of the merits of the transaction.

believed that it would be for man to value the Thomas Poole package, were misled by dis-honest statements or concealments of material facts by Mr Bartlett and Mr Laughton and increased their valuation from £235,000 to £325,000 after a telephone conversation with Mr Laughton. This figure exceeded the market value of the assets by at least £450,000, the judge said. ments of material facts by Mi

"He (Mr Bartlett) knew that if the true facts as to the finan-cial position of TPG and the market value of its assets became known to the Newman board and shareholders there would be no prospect that they could be persuaded to accept them at a price sufficient to enable him to salvage TPG and avoid embarrassing disclosures of the use made of TPG's and Newman's money.

'Having embarked upon the with the cooperation of Mr Laughton by means which involved the deliberate deception of the board and shareholders of Newman", the judge told the At the end of his 250-page

judgment, which took one-and-a-half days to deliver. Mr Vinelott made no immediate orders. He directed that the parties should return to court at a later date to formulate the basis for an inquiry into the damage suf-fered by Newman and to deal be a potentially valuable Deloitte & Co, the account- fered by Newman and to deal scheme. I think he may have ants, who were asked by New- with the question of costs which



Mr Alan Bartlett: responsible.

are estimated at about £750,000. The rump of Thomas Pools whose stake in Newman was sold to Lonrho was finally taken over by Maddock from which Newman, through Grind-ley of Stoke (Ceramics), a subsidiary, has just agreed to buy the United States ceramics, interest for about 71.8m in cash

Financial Edits, page 21

Prime rates jump as Fed chief signals tighter monetary policy From Frank Vogl

US Economics Correspondent Washington, Feb 19.--American monetary policy is to be rightened, Mr Paul Volcker, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board goday declared that there should be no doubt that the central bank is determined to curb money supply growth in 1930 and in the years ahead. He added: "he must come to grips with the problem of inflation,"

News of the tightening of monetary policies produced sharp reactions in financial markets and at banks. Chase Man-hattan Bank, Chemical Bank and the Bank of America, were However, two deals to sell among prominent institutions A Fed spokesman pointed the American Aurora and Louis to raise their prime lending out that the full degree of rates to 15.75 per cent from 15.25 per cent. Short-term treasury bill yields rose to record levels and by mid-session on the New York Stock Exchange the Dow Jones industrial share price everage was sharply lower, down by 10.66 to 874.32 points.

Mr Voicker rold the banking committee of the House of Representatives that the central bank is now willing to run the

Sterling fell sharply yesterday

in currency markets that were busier than they have been for weeks. The dollar bounded up on the back of higher American

interest rates and the promise of firm control of the money

supply from Mr Paul Volcker, the Federal Reserve Board

The pound was one of the

hardest hit currencies, losing

2.45 cents on the day against the dollar. It fell by 0.6 points

on the trade-weighted index to finish at 72.3 per cent of its

By Caroline Atkinson

chairman.

risk of a recession in order to secure lower money supply growth.

this is not the time for tax cuts, por does he approve of mandatory wage and price controls or credit allocation. He told Congressmen that they must make every effort to reduce public spending and added that a reduction in United States oil imports was a critical national priority in the fight against

The Fed today released new money supply growth targets for 1980, which because of changes in the technical definitions of money make it impossible to make precise comparisons with the Fed's previous target

tightening becomes apparent when one compares the midpoint of the new ranges, which amounts to the goals for money growth this year, with the actual rate of growth seen in 1979. The very narrow new measure of the money supply, M1A, is set to grow by between 3.5 and 6 per cent and its 4.75 per cent mid-point compares with actual growth last year of 5.5 per cent.

Dollar bounds after Volcker pledge

don, but accelerating inflation, a yawning trade deficit and growing concern about the effects of the steel strike on the economy are now making people wary of holding too

A general rise in the world

interest rates, triggered by credit tightening in America,

could reduce the attractiveness

of the pound for international

investors. This is now expected

in the markets after vesterday's

The Japanese yen was also

rises in American prime rates.

much sterling.

broader. monetary aggregate, MIB, is set rowth. to grow by 4 to 6.25 per cent. The central back chief said and its mid-point of 5.25 per cent compares with 8 per cent seen last year. It Volcker said that the 8 per cent figure is somewhat inaccurate, because of special one-time factors and a better adjusted number is 7

M2 and M3 are set to rise

under the Fed's new targets by 6 to 9 per cent and by 6.5 to 9.5 per cent respectively. The new mid-point for M2 is, therefore, 7.5 per cent and this compares with 8.8 per cent in 1979 and for M3 the new mid-point of 8 per cent compares with 9.5 per cent growth in 1979. Mr Volcker said time and

per cent.

again that the economic out-look now is particularly uncertain and that, while he does believe there will be a mild recession, the economy could once again prove to be stronger than is widely anticipated. The bank's forecasts suggest

real gross national product in 1980 will be between plus 0.5 per cent to minus 2.5 per cent. with consumer prices rising in a range of between 8.75 and 12 per cent and with unemploy-

movement in the yen in London and concluded that it was being

held firmly by Japanese inter-vention. It closed down on the

day at 245.4 yen to the dollar from 244.9 on Monday. The German and Swiss cur-

rencies were weaker too. The dollar rose above 1.75 against

the Deutsche mark at one point

West German federal bank was

thought to have been in the

market selling dollars when the rate dipped below DM1.75, a reversal of the usual position. By the end of the day the

dollar had slipped back slightly

on profit-taking, and it finished

at DM1.7483, up from DM1.741 on Monday. The dollar rose against the Swiss franc 1.6381

and the French franc 4.076.

Lloyd's puts its case over Sasse

By Richard Allen Insurance Correspondent

Lloyd's of London has refuted allegations that it sanctioned, rule-breaking by professional underwriters or that its regulatory procedures were at fault in events leading up to losses of £21.5m being sustained by the Sasse syndicate,

The demials are contained in points of defence drafted by Lloyd's, the Sasse syndicate made by 29 members of the Sasse syndicate, who are suing Llyod's, the Sasse syndicate head and various underwriting

The defence, which represents the market authorities! first official response to the Sasse: allegations, covers the first part of the plaintiff's claim. A response to the second part is expected to be filed within the next two weeks.

In the first part of the claim by Sasse members, allegations turn on insurance business brought to the market under binding authorities, wherby a syndicate "binds" overseas agents to accept business on Lloyd's behalf. .

Referring to the binder in-volving Mr Dennis Harrison Sasse's American agent known as the "Den-Har binder" and another known as the Canadian binder, Lloyd's denies that these suthorities were granted without the authority of the plaintiffs.

It says that the syndicate's agents or sub-agents had full authority to grant binding authorities under the express terms of the syndicates agency agreements.

Lloyd's also points out that the binders were granted and written in underwriting rooms at Lloyd's and thus complied fully with proper rules and procedures.

Insurance business supplied under the Den-Har and Canadian binders led to a large proportion of the losses being disputed by 35 out of the 110 members in the Sasse syndi-

Orient Overseas bid for Furness Withy hits snags

The £96.5m bid of 360p a share from Mr C. Y. Tung's Orient Overseas Container (Holdings), one of the world's largest shipowners, for Furness

By. Peter Wainwright

Withy seems to have run into Mr C. H. Tung, his son, said in London yesterday that he had twice held exploratory talks Mr Tung would not be drawn Mr with Mr Brian Shaw, chairman on whether the talks were pro-

Salomon, of Furness's merchant bankers, Rea Brothers, was also present. Rea has not dis-closed the share stake it can thought to be between 10 and 20 per cent.

Orient has also been in touch ping entrepreneur who directly and indirectly speaks for about 17 per cent of Furness.
Orient has sounded out the
Office of Fair Trading as well. Mr Narby was prevented by

of Furuess, and with fellow gressing. He hoped to hold from taking over Furuess and director Sir Ralph Bateman. It more conversations soon. its subsidiary Manchester is understood that Mr Walter Orient has also been in touch Liners. with interests representing Mr
Frank Narby, the Canadian shipTrank Narby, the Canadian ship-

change of control at Furness to fewer than live people. Furness would have to offer its 16 per cent stake to the others Narby was prevented by Ocean Transport, British Monopolies Commission Commonwealth and P & O.

Big demand for consumer goods as hedge against inflation rate of 116 pc Coping with an Israeli pound in your pocket

saga of Israel's runaway infla-tion was achieved this week with the disclosure that the Israeli pound is now officially worth less than one agorot was in Sep-tember 1051, the date when the country's cost of living index first began to be measured. (100 agorot=£1 Israeli).

The depressing statistic emer-ged with the publication of the index for January which showed a rise of a further 7.3 per cent, despite the efforts of Mr Yigel Hurwitz the new finance minister to impose a firm grip on the economy during his first 100 days in office, he rise brought the official inflation rate to just over 116 per cent, although many economists are convinced that the true figure is closer

Whatever the method of cal-

to 150 per cent

A further landmark in the culation chosen, the need to of inflation jokes. One of the being made in the home. Many aga of Israel's runaway inflation cope with such a rapid rate of most popular concerns a tour-families have now sharply cut ist who asks a Jerusalemite their consumption of meat, the disclosure that the Israeli on all sections of society. At the whether it is cheaper to travel stopped visiting the cinema, bound is now officially worth most violent level, it has been by taxi or by bus. He is told reduced their use of the car responsible for a revival of the "Black Panthers", a movement based among deprived oriental Jews living in the slums of Israel's big cities, he group was responsible for a spate of riots late last year organized in protest against the Government's decision to remove subsidies from many basic foodstuffs.

The combination of rising prices and depreciating cur-rency has encouraged efforts to secure credit at all costs, leading to a national habit of writing post-dated cheques and demand for consumer loans at interest rates over 50 per cent. Among the middle classes.

It has also encouraged a rash the bulk of the sacrifices are

whether it is cheaper to travel stopped visiting the cinema, by taxi or by bus. He is told reduced their use of the car firmly to take a taxi because the bus fare has to be paid a race renowned for its hospitation of the car are the same of the car are the c straight away. As well as posing the most serious threat to the chances

ment being returned at the election due early next year, inflation is also the subject of endless private conversations. The fact that much of the population is cushioned against its worst effects by a generous system of index-linked wages, pensions, loans and insurance is by no means sufficient to stop it causing difficulties in almost every aspect of life.

tality, cut down on home entertaining.

The ravages of hyperinflation of Mr Begin's coalition govern- have also encouraged buying in certain sectors of the economy. particularly luxury consumer goods which are seen as a good hedge. For months, there has been a brisk and incongruous trade in colour television setsalthough it is likely to be at Israel gets its own colour TV SELAICE

Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

Results for the year ended 29th September 1979 TURNOVER (VAT inclusive) 9,002 7,026 TURNOVER (VAT exclusive) 7,938 6,285 PROFIT before TAXATION 1,618 1,272 PROFIT after TAXATION 1,595 1,269 EARNINGS per Share 31.9p 27.4p DIVIDEND per Share (net) 7.5p 3.5p

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- * Group turnover increased by 26%
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Huge rise in Italian deficit

. Italy's trade balance underwent a sharp deterioration in 1979 with a deficit of 4,725,000m lire (£2,625m), compared with 363,000m lire (£201m) in 1978, according to the latest government figures released in Rome.

December alone registered a deficit of 1,718,000m lire. The non-oil sector, usually in surplus, showed a deficit for the month of 89,000m lire.

Petrol shortage

Naples was very short of petrol yesterday, and Signor Luigi Preti, the transport minister, called in relisentatives of oil companies and the striking tanker drivers, who are demanding a higher share of recent increases in petroleum prices, for talks.

Japan export hopes

Japan's trade balance should end up in surplus within the next fiscal year despits a record \$3,412m (about £1,480m) deficit for January, Mr Shinichi Yoshikuni, a senior Japanese Government economist, says. He claims a 10 per cent rise in exports would convert the deficit to a surplus.

Bonn premiums up

Figures from West Germany's 20 largest life insurance companies show the industry's premium income rose by 10.6 per cent last year in nominal terms, or 6.2 per cent in real terms. Premium income was 26,000m Deutsche marks (about £6,560m).

Canada uses more oil

Canadian oil product consumption totalled 60.83 million barrels in December up 2.5 per cent from December 1978.

Dutch unions hit back

Work stoppages have begun at a number of businesses in the Rotterdam area as Dutch labour unions mount protests against the governments plans to cut public spending and restrain wages. FNN, the Netherlands largest labour trading company which is still federation, says further protests and demonstrations will follow the liquidator.

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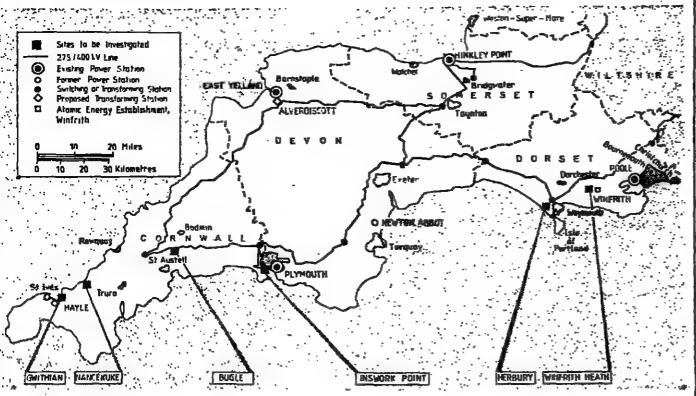


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CEGB investigates possible nuclear sites in Cornwall and Dorset



By Nicholas Hirst Energy Correspont

Five sites in Cornwall and Dorset are to be investigated as possible sites for building

Strong local opposition is likely. The Department of Energy believes that the main impediment to its planned prolies not in a coordinated national campaagn, but in local

protest movements. protest movements.

The Central Electricity Generating Board is expecting to face a public inquiry to gain permission to build on any of the sites. As an option, the CEGA is investigating whether a site at Inswork Point, originally planned as an oil-fired plant, could support a coalplant, could support a coal. This is the second attempt at fired station supplied by sea. trying to solve the South-west's

This site is too close to Plymouth to permit the building of a nuclear station under present

Herbury, an acknowledged beauty spot on the banks of the Fleet etween Abbotsbury and Weymouth in Dorset, may prove the most controversial of the sites, but there is bound to be concern over the others. These are Winfrith Heath, also in Dorset, which is next to a United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority north of station : Hayle in Gwithian, north of Cornwall; Nancekuke near Portreath on the site of a wartime airfield: and Bugle, on hie edge of china clay workings in Cornwall.

future power problems. Seven sites were investigated in 1968 for a station to meet a demand for electricity growing faster than the national average. The plans came to nothing when Mr Wedgwood Benn turned down building an oil-fired station at Inswork Point on national energy

proposed new station has yet to be chosen. The Government plans to introduce American-designed pressurized water reactors (PWRs), but an eco-prove ton large for the Southwest's needs. This would leave the way clear for a British advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) similar to the one operating at Hinckley

Investigation work, begin ning soon, will include exploratory drilling, bydrographic sucyeys and environmental studies. It is expected to take two years and first building work is unlikely before 1986, with a station being commissioned in 1992 at the earliest.

As well as investigation nuclear sites, reuse of sites of the power stations at East Yelland, Plymouth and Poole will be considered, and sites of he considered, and sites of former power stations at Hayle and Newton Abbott may be used for gas-turbine generation to meet peak demand. The CEGB is also reinforcing the 400-kilowatt transmission link between Hinckley Point and Bridgewater and extending it with a new line to Taunton.

Hull trawler group goes into liquidation

The Hull Fishing Vessel Owners' Association, which was set up in 1892 is going into voluntary liquidation. Mr Tom Boyd, junior, the president said yesterday that all members of the association had resigned and the liquidator would hold is first winding-up meeting on March 7.

March 7.
The 55 staff have been told that they will be redundant and the future of the association's

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the liquidation was that the association could no longer pay its way since Icelandic trawlers had stopped landing their catches, at Hull Local trawler

nomic rate of £51 a ton to unload their catches and the 130strong trawler fleet of 18 months ago was now reduced to 27 freezer trawlers, only two of which were fishing for the home market, and it was not

their catches.

Mr Boyd said the reason for mr noya said the reason for this was subsidized EEC imports and "unfair treatment" by the Community. British trawlarmen had lacked the fishing opportunities of other EEC states and this had resulted in the annihilation of the British trawler induces. owners could not afford the eco-British trawler industry.

It appeared to be a political decision that Britain was not to have a fishing industry and the

who unload the trawlers had been laid off until further

After Mr Boyd's announce ment the Hull Fish Merchants' Protection Association said although only two or three Icelandic vessels had landed catches at Hull so far this year, there had been ample supplies of fish for the wholesale market. Supplies would continue to arrive from Bridlington, Scarborough and the

Ford chief condemns 'intransigent' workers

By Edward Townsend

By Edward Townsend
Sir Terence Beckett, chairman of Ford of Britain, yesterday accused the company's British workers of achieving productivity levels "depressingly behind" those of its European factories.
Ford workers in the United Kingdom had produced 150,000 more cars during 1979 compared with 1978, but that was a year when the company was hir

year when the company was hit by a nine-week strike and the "effective increase" in output

"effective increase" in output was about 50,000 cars.
"We are not making the progress we should be in productivity. It is sheer intransigence to change—it is conservatism", he said. Some jobs took 60-90 per cent longer to complete in Britain than in the

complete in Britain man in the European plants.

In spite of the poor productivity record. Ford is planning to increase its share of the United Kingdom new car market this year and to reduce imports. Sir Terence said that the lower total market forecast this year meant that Ford

ease tax

on shares

to study the rules related taxation on share profits.

The transition to such a sys-tem poses technical complica-tions and certain steps to stimu-

late share ownership must be taken in advance, it added.

The committee will study if

Sweden should introduce a system whereby the effect of double taxation is either reduced or wholly abolished on

distributed profits. This can be done by having differentiated

corporation tax rates so that companies can claim whose or

part deductions for paid out profits and distributed profit

would have to sell the same number of cars as in 1979 when it captured 28.29 per cent of

A total of 1.71 million new cars were sold in Britain last year and the 1980 market is expected to fall to 1.5 million. with some companies pitching their forecasts as low as 1.3 mil-

Ford is planning to introduce a second shift at the Dagenham plant to build more Fiestas, for which there is a long waiting list throughout Europe, and to produce more Corrinas. Almost half of Ford's British

sales last year were vehicles from its other European plants. But Sir Terence said that the company still contributed a net \$200m to Britain's balance of payments. This included engines and gearboxes and other compo-nents made in Britain for Ford's international operations.

He added that by providing economies of scale of produc-tion, the international link-up had helped Ford to reach and



Sir Terence Beckitt: company productivity falling behind.

retain its successful place in Britain. The only way to do the job properly is to get these

Sweden may Dockland developers short list drawn up

Stockholm, Feb 19.—The Swedish government has instructed its capital gains committee in examine the possibility of introducing a system. developers was presented last night to a joint meeting of the Greater London and Southwark councils which discussed the development of 120 acres of London's redundant docklands. to ease double taxation on earnings from shares, the budget Present taxation laws must be changed if companies are to have better opportunities to attract risk capital and if the

London's redundant docklands. Among the schemes proposed are plans for shopping complexes, offices, botels and a technology city".

The short list is the work of the Dockland Development Organization, set up in 1975 to make best use of one of the most incrative sites within a mile of the City of London. The site was last in use as docks in 1970, but it was not until 1973 that the navers, the Port of London Authority, sold conditions for share investment are to be made more equal to those for other placement ve-hicles, it added. Last year the government set up the committee and asked it The ministry said the committee will now also review the possibilities for introducing a system to ease double taxation on distributed profits in the light of examples abroad.

until 1973 that the owners, the Port of London Authority, cold 400 acres to Southwark and the GLC. Development, mainly housing, has continued since 1975 on the remaining 280 acres not taker up by the present optioned site.

Which development plan will be selected depends on a moniber of factors including its inbicreation prospects, the contribution made to the environment, and the degree by which the proposed project could repay the councils for the amount of money invested, Since 1975, the site has cost the councils £30m on drainage, dock-filling and general maintenance, and this money must be reconneed.

be reconned. Last November the Dockland Development Organization offered the sites for tender. With a budget of £30,000 advercould be taxed at a lower rate tisements were placed world-than retained profits. wide inviting prospective

Plans for shopping complexes, offices, hotels, hauks and the novel idea of a technology city were submitted by last mouth closing date. Fifteen developer mostly in consortia of architects, builders, financiers and managers, promised investment ranging from Likom to 1450m. They included a number of Britain's top construction companies, among them Taylor Woodrow and George Wimpey.

The names on the list discus-sed last night by the joint planand from final. Recommendations will be made, but the final decision resis with the planning MOUP.

At this stage, only preliminary proposals have been submitted by applicants, although many groups have publicized their plans, among them the consortium behind the idea of contenting London's docks into a technology city. The project is supported by the Guinness Peat hanking group, Sir Robert McAlpine construction, surveyors and estate agents Knight, Frank and Rutley, with the high technology campus provided in technology campus provided in the complex by the expertise of the Cranfield Institute of Tech-nology. That proposal is estima-ted to cost \$354m.

The decision on the short list will he made by the end of this month, when randidates will be invited to submit more detailed

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Oil not the easy solution to the Falkland Islands' problems

Sir, Sir Bernard Braine, in his letter of February 6, believes my previous letter of January 14 to be unfair in criticizing a Times article of December 18 which postulated the size of hydrocarbon offshore reserves ydrocarbon offshore reserves the Falklands and which also implied that the development of any such reserves had to take place from the Falklands. The

place from the Falklands. The views expressed in my previous letter were formed at the time of the 1976 Economic Survey and have been reinforced by discussions then and more recently with all companies and independent geologists. We also went out of our way to solicit islanders' views on the subject, and the majority of those with whom we discussed the question viewed the prospect of possible oil developments with concern largely because of the effect is would have on the residual economy of the islands. residual economy of the islands.
At several points in his letter

Sir Bernard quotes the 1976 Economic Survey either in-correctly or out of context. There is an implication that our report first lent credibility to the estimate of offshore reserves contained in the 1975 US Geological Bulletin. In fact, the footnote to which he refers crually states:

" it is worth commenting on e figure of 200 billion barrels. . produced as an estimate of offshore Argentinian reserves in a US Geological Bulletin of last year. This figure is based on a series of enormous hypothetical assumptions and is likely to have little credence amongst

From Mr Roderick Seligman
Six, Surely the time has come
for the Government to reconsider its policy of controlling
domestic demand. It is not
surprising that the level of
bank lending has not contracted. With an inflation rate
of more than 17 per cent, the
real cost of money is negligible.
Even if interest rates are
raised still further, the effect
will at hest only be slow and,
even then, at the cost of widespread bankruptcies.

spread bankruptcies, However, the adverse effects

of the interest rate policy have been considerable. Sterling has

of the advertising industry and

Sir. Is it only to me that the solution to British Leyland's problems has occurred?

From Mr Andrew Dyke

13) about David Steel's proposals, but surely the dilemma

they moore is this: if the trad-

ing surplus of a business is to

be distributed among the workforce, will they also share

in any loss? If they will not —and events at British Leyland and British Steel suggest that indeed they will not—then it becomes totally meaningless to

The Government should lay down a minimum selling price.

In the customer a profitable return on the customer a profitable return on the customer a profitable return on the customer and invested in the industry. Should the company prove unable to dispose of all their motor cars at this price,

Cooperative ownership snag

would be grossly unfair.

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for onshore bases which would not greatly disturb the 2,000

And, lastly, it is hard to see how a reading of my previous letter to The Times could be interpreted by Sir Bernard 25: interpreted by hir bernard asthe offshore Falkland area
as being likely to bear
oil, when the sentence
referred to actually states:

"the results of the recent seismic surveys indicated only and size of the sedimentary section are such as justify proceeding to the next stage of explora-

Sir Bernard Eraine, a staunch past supporter of the islanders' interests, is entitled to his view about the benefits which offshore developments might con-fer on the Falklands, but surely not to call in aid the 1976 Economic Survey in support of his case in the way that he has done. My substantial objection to this repeated and beguiling emphasis on oil is that it is the apparently easy solution to all the problems of the Falkland Islands. Emphatically, this is not so, as our report made

The future of the Falkland Islands and their viability certainly in the short run does not depend on the development of offshore resources, but instead geologists.

on the consistent and deterSecondly, contrary to the mined implementation of a
claim of Sir Bernard's letter, number of specific policies,
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From Mr R. J. Storey Sir, In his letter of February 6, questioning Lord Shackleton's caution on Falklands oil potential. Sir Bernard Braine is optimistic about local image.

mistic about local impact.
As a member of the Shackleton survey team and former development officer in Shetland, I am less sanguine. Certainly, activity might be centred initi-ally on a remote service base, but the North Sea has shown how rapidly effects spread. If oil were found, the impact could

be overwhelming.

The problem is one of scale, distance and pace. In a larger community closer to United Kingdom resources benefits Kingdom resources betterns might offset costs, but for the 1,800 people of the Falklands, with no reserve of labour, there is risk of sudden major damage to the present basis of livelihood and identity, and the diverging of marging needed for sion of energies needed for more evolutionary change. In Shetland, with 10 times the population, a major concern is already the revival of the tradi-tional economy, for which much more than disturbance moneys

will be needed.

Careful contingency planning
could reduce ill-effects if started as soon as possible. Here Sir Bernard's idea of local consultation makes sense, if the topic is "how" as well as "whether". There should also be a visit to Orkney and Shetland, where impact can be observed at first hand.

R. J. STOREY.

Freight cost Domestic lending must be obstacle for Exporters

From Mr R. S. Leighton Sir, British exporters are struggling to maintain and increase experts in the face of a strong pound. Their efforts are being frustrated by the antiquoted atti-tudes of the British shipping industry.

it very difficult to export.

What is required is a direct and effective method of controlling the level of domestic lending. Special deposits could be demanded at the Bank of England to congrain bank England to constrain bank liquidity. Alternatively, a corset could be imposed on loans which are purely for domestic To export hasic foodstuffs from the United Kingdom to the Middle East I am asked to pay a sea freight charge consumption and not for capital expressed in dollars which is 17 per cent higher than that quoted by the same lines from Rotterdain, and in addition must pay in sterling at an artificial exchange rate imposed by the shipping industry of £1 equals \$1.82. If I export Dutch products from Rotterdam I pay ant only the lower freight rate, but in dollars at the market rate on the day payment is From Mr Bernard Moss

Sir. Any ban on cigarette switch which has already taken advertising on posters, as said place has been due mainly to

The overall effect is a cost place has been due mainly to penalty to British exports of 47 posters. A ban an cigarette per cent compared with Dutch costs. In basic foodstuffs this penalty is the difference be-tween a British export success

It is time that the press stood up for the freedom of advertisers to advertise any thing which is legal. A ban on or failure. It appears our invisible exporters are undermining our real exporters. Lam Sir.

one section of the media would inevitably lead to pressure to apply the same han to all media, including the press. Yours faithfully, R.S. LEIGHTON,

Field House, Fairway, Merrow, Nr Guildford, Surrey GU1 2NN, February 13. Director, British Poster Advertising

History's lesson on imports

From Mr Keith Bouman Sir. In his letter (January 31) Professor T. C. Barker states that this country imported only about one ninth of the value of the manufactures it exported in the first decade of the control. this century,

These unsold remotes would be stored on Convey Island or offered to our enemies at half Perhaps he would care to explain how it is that, according to the Abstract of British Hestorical Statistics, there was a deficit in merchandise trade in each war of the first decade. The figures are: price.
I hope nobody thinks the is a ludicrous way of dealing with the marketing of a commodity.
I am, Sir, your faithfully.

1903 - £151.3m 1908 - £135.6m 1904 - £179 1m 1909 - £154.2m 1905 - £155.9m 1910 - £142.7m Indeed, according to that tource, there have only his years in which we had a surplies on manufactures, or, since 1938, visibles, since the hattie of Waterloo—and three of there years were before Queen Victoria came to the

If we are to take history into account, we might as well give up trape. Yours fauhtully, K. A. BOWMAN, Hazel Stub Farm, Buston End. Hisverbill, Suffolk, CB9 9.1F. February 8.

Practicality of paying COD

From Mr Andrew Oyke
Sir, I was interested to read ship of industry.

Lord Oram's letter (February

It is perhaps because of their

allure to think mit the logical implications of what they advo-cate that David Steel finds himself the leader of a declin-

ing party and Lord Oram will find no very great entitusiasm for his form of cooperation.

Yours faithfully. ANDREW DYKE,

From Mrs Pamela Brumer

Str. Come off it, Mr Baker
(Letters, February 11). We are
living in 1980, and the idea of
paying COD for gnods and services may look seable on
pagere but would be utterly impossible in practice.

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Stronger medicine from the Fed

The United States Federal Reserve Board has at last reluctantly conceded what has been apparent to the money and bond markets for weeks. The package of last October was simply insufficient to slow the economy and halt the acceleration in the pace of American price inflation.

This is something in itself, but it is ominous that the response, now that the patient has failed to respond to one taste of the medicine, is merely to step up the

Financial markets will be deeply relieved that the Fed has kept its nerve in an election year by tightening up in apparently impressive fashion on money supply targets. It was clear from yesterday's market reactions, however, that there is no doubt about the price that will have to be paid if these laudable targets are to be achieved.

The Fed has now added its voice to those opposing credit ceilings and wage and price controls. The Administration, for its part, is still bent on what economists see as an excessively expansionist fiscal policy, forecast (officially) to produce a budget deficit of \$40,000m this year against \$27,700m last year. In short, the burden of slowing monetary growth and curbing inflation is devolving almost solely upon interest rates.

Any hopes there might have been of an early downturn in dollar rates have, accordingly, been shattered. Since last Friday's discount rate increase the bond markets, already in a state of collapse, have plummeted even further.

Short-term Eurodoller rates which a week ago were looking stable at around 141-141 per cent were up around 151 per cent last night and the United States prime rate has moved up to that level, too.

The only consolation for investors is that long-term bond rates are at last edging alongside the rate of United States inflation, but it is increasingly hard to see how equities can continue to ignore the plight of the fixed rate markets.

All this is, of course, equally depressing for the European markets, which are await. ing a drop in dollar rates before they can realistically expect any reduction in their own historically high rates.

Dunbee-Combex-Marx

The game is over

After a good profits record before the setbacks of the past couple of years since going public in 1962, Dunbee-Combex-Marx has finally paid the penalty for overextending itself by trying to become a major force in the world toy industry.

Following the breakdown of talks to sell its loss-making United States subsidiaries which it bought four years ago, the cash haemorrhage across the Atlantic has now become terminal and yesterday the group's major creditor Midland Bank put in a receiver to salvage what it could from the ashes.

The sheer scale of its United States liabilities, however, means that ordinary shareholders are unlikely to be left with anything at the end of the day. This is in spite of a profitable United Kingdom toy side which the receiver should have little trouble in finding a buyer for and the do-it-yourself division, which has been



Mr Richard Beecham, joint managing director of Dunbee-Combex-Marx.

excluded from the receiver, where plans to float this off should bring in perhaps £6m. The last balance sheet which is now a year out of date showed borrowings of £32m and a net worth of £23.5m or 102p a share. Since then shareholders funds have been reduced by £5m following the first half loss and second half losses have been equally serious.

Dunbee's problems however are that much of the balance sheet is represented by the United States assets but following the heavy losses in the United States liabilities are around \$12m higher and guarantes on its overseas creditors cannot be met.

At the moment the main uncertainty is the extent to which Dunbee guaranteed its overseas debt-only a quarter of the \$20m owed to Chemical Bank is thought to be covered for example-but in any liquidation stocks would be worth much less than they are presently valued in the balance

Newman Industries

Questions of company law

Unless it is challenged on appeal, yesterday's decision in the High Court, in favour of Newman Industries, opens up all sorts of interesting possibilities. In the first place the Pru, which over the past five years has battled the case on behalf of the rest of the shareholders, bas established that, given the right factual circumstances and the money to pursue the matter, a class action can be brought in the English courts. So that opens up a new area of activity to disaffected shareholders of a company controlled by its directors. But there is much more to it than that.

In the second place, Mr Justice Vinelott's decision that, though the directors of Newman did not own a majority of the voting shares of the company, Messrs Bartlett and Laughton had de facto control -by virtue of personality and their entrenched position— and could therefore be sued by another on behalf of the company, really puts a completely new gloss on the risks and rewards of directors.

They are going to need indemnity insurance—though given that there will be few shareholders to pursue a matter with the means and the determination that the Pru has used on this one, the premiums should be reasonably low.

In the third, there is the interesting question of what effect the case will have on the institutions' penchant for voting with their feet. In this case the Pru took the other course, for which the rest of the shareholders in Newman ought to be duly grateful-though it appears that they are apt instead to reckon up the damages that the continuing scandal is doing to their

In this case, however, it will be possible to put a figure on th edamage done by the TPG affair. If it is a matter of managerial incompetence, rather than the issue of "tricky and misleading" circulars, the questions for the fund manager will be what they have always been: whether to stand and fight or sell the problem on to someone else.

Marchwiel

Cushioned by cash

Civil engineering groups currently have nowhere to turn as public sector cutbacks bite ever more deeply at home and competition intensifies overseas. But at least the major groups, like Marchwiel, have the benefits of huge cash balances built up in better times to fall back on as the recession

Although turnover rose 27 per cent to £239m last year, largely reflecting new motorway contracts, the rewards from which have yet to be quantified, profits fell from £13.55m to £12.43m. And without the switch to SSAP 12 which reduced the depreciation charge the figure would have been only a shade above the group's forecast of £11m made at the interim stage.

Marchwiel was hard hit by last year's adverse winter weather, but now the problem is simply one of available work drying up at home, while overseas, with the exception of Portugal and South Africa, competition has driven prices below the level of viability for western groups.

To make matters worse, Marchwiel, as with other civil engineers, is finding it increasingly hard to wrest payment from financially-stretched local authorities for completed work.

Having come back a long way the shares recovered 5p to 88p yesterday where they yield 9.7 per cent on the one fifth dividend increase and sell at just over five times fully-taxed earnings. At this level they lean heavily on cash holdings of perhaps £19m, or nearly 70p a share, which Marchwiel hopes to spend on diversification, and a net asset value of around 175p a share.

Adrienne Gleeson

Capital taxation: what chance of radical reform this time?

general election. His second, which will be announced on March 26, is likely to be a great deal less so.

. This is partly because the economy has responded sluggishly to Conservative efforts to regenerate it, and this has left the Government little room for manoeuvre. It may also be because the merits of stability and certainty, at least for those engaged in the management (and the taxation) of business, have been impressed on the minds of Conservative ministers.

At any rate the bulk of the tax provisions this time seem tax provisions this time seem likely to be directed towards correcting anomalies—particularly the anomalies created by a high rate of inflation—rather than changing the weight or emphasis of the Government's take. In one area, capital taxes, the Government has already committed itself to change. But how much will it do in this now much will it do in this Budget?

Both of the principal forms of capital taxation—capital gains tax (CGT) and capital transfer tax (CTT)—have long been targets of Tory wrath, the first because it is unjust, the second because it is unjust, the second because it is unwise. With the abolition of exchange controls, both of them are potentially ineffective, as well. The Chancellor has had a review of capital taxation con-ducted under the chairmanship of Lord Cockfield. The question now is whether this review will bear fruit of any significance next month.

encies are obvious enough and universally admitted, even to the point that the Inland Revenue produced a consultative document at the end of 1977, discussing how best they might be remedied. They binge on the fact that, at a time of high inflation, all too often the capital gain that is being taxed is, in real terms, not a gain is, in real terms, not a gain at all.

Of the remedies proposed, indexsation—of the gain itself or, more simply, of the asset on which the gain is made—is in principle the more just. It does, however, pose administra-tive difficulties, relating for instance to the allocation of cost and wasting assets.

Costs

The solutions, in the Revenue's opinion, "would involve considerable complexity, resulting in increased staff costs for the Revenue and increased compliance costs for taxpayers". Since one of the objects of the review of capital taxation is to cut down on its cost and complexity, this one looks like a non-starter.

The alternative, development of some form of tapering relief, is likewise beset by complications (in, for instance, measuring the period of ownership), and has none of the merits of justice. It looks like the worst possible compromise, and can therefore almost certainly be ruled out as a product of the Conservatives' reforming zeal. pear fruit of any significance

The arguments for the abolition of CGT really binge on
the fact that it is unjust in

But however attractive the abolitionist solution appears in the City, its protagonists ignore a still more basic problem of

If it is just to tax the proceeds of employment can it possibly be just not to tax the proceeds of investment? The Conservatives may be more likely than their political opponents, to recognize the value of the speculator in the market; but they are hardly likely to put him at such an advantage that they devalue the port of honest roil

advantage that they devalue the worth of honest toil.

In any case, the yield on CGT (from individuals) is likely to be in the region of £390m in this tax year, according to the Financial Statement and Budget Report* (Red Book) estimates; and the Government cannot afford to abandon that for the sake of what would for the sake of what would certainly be hailed as a charter for the wideboys.

There is rather the same problem in doing anything radical about capital transfer tax. Conservative philosophy would have it that this is a serious deterrent to the creations deterrent to the creations. tion and encouragement of small businesses: hence the emotional appeal made earlier this week by Mr David Mitchell, the Under-Secretary of State for Industry, for "a return to that most human of incentives—the prospect of passing a family business to the next generation". Whether small businesses in

fact benefit from such an incentive is open to question: need to do ar but the Conservatives have the meantime.

Sir Geoffrey Howe's first budget was a great deal more
radical than anyone would have
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it. However, abolition is out of the question on two grounds. First, the tax will bring in some 2360m this year (Red Book estimates); and second, the Conservatives themselves recognize the merits of dispersing wealth: "it is no part of our aims to encourage the con-ceptration of the country's assets into fewer and fewer hands" (The Right Approach, 1976).

As a means of encouraging the dispersion of wealth, however, capital transfer tax is not all that efficient. It encourages a split between husband and wife, and early dispersion rather than an attempt to hang onto the stoney until the bitter end: but there are certainly better ways to encourage the wealthy to spread their wealth

Transfers

Notable among these is an accessions tax, of the kind widely applied in continental Europe, under which the transfer of assets is taxed according to the wealth of the recipient rather than that of the donor. Whether the effects of such a tax would comple-ment Conservative belief in the emotional incentive provided by family succession, is also open to doubt: but as a long term aim of government policy it has plenty of attractions, not least among them the fact that such an announcement would absolve the Government of any need to do anything radical in

But there are certain anoma-lies that can be corrected with-out unduly depressing the yield on the tax or compromising the Government's longer-term posi-

Most glaring of these, is the most garing on the most grant provision under which assets transferred during the donor's lifetime, are liable to be assesses for both capital transfer tax (though at a lower rate after than assets transferred after death), and capital gains tax. This is almost certain to be cor-

rected in the Budget.
The threshold at which capltal transfer tax is applied is also likely to be raised to reflect the impact of inflation, though it is likely that the Chancellor will attempt to retain his future freedom of action by declining to introduce any formal sort of

rise in the rate of tax is likely to be flattened out, so that it bites less deeply into the transfer of wealth. Moves on capital gains tax are likely to be along similar lines, with the exemption on small gains (at present £1,000) being lifted (to the benefit of collection costs as well as the taxpayer), and a correspond. the taxpayer), and a correspond-ing increase in the level at which the full rate becomes

payable, Any more drastic change will probably have to wait on a change from taxing income to change from taxing income to taxing expenditure. The thought alone is sufficient to cause the Inland Revenue, which has just been given authorization to computerize the PAYE system, to groan in horror. *Financial Statement and Budget Report 1979-80, published by HMSO (£1.25 excluding post and packing).

Greece hurries to put its house in order

Athens

Inflation is seriously threaten-ing Greece's good standing as the prospective tenth member of the European Economic Community. With barely ten months to go before full membership on January 1, 1981, the Greek government has been forced to put restrictions on imports in an attempt to rescue the balance of payments from a runaway deficit.

deficit.
Action to combat inflation is, perhaps, the most pressing of the many problems that the Greeks must tackle in the few months that remain before

"We had to take exceptional measures," says Mr George Kontogeorgis, the Greek minis-ter in charge of EEC affairs, because of the pressures of in-creased oil prices on our balance of payments. But they are temporary and other EEC countries have had recourse to similar measures before.

The restrictions include an extra deposit by importers of non-essential imports, plus a 25 per cent consumer tax on the retail price of these goods. The special deposit remains in a frozen account at the Bank of Greece for six months.

The measures were a reaction to a sudden surge of inflationary pressures which pushed the consumer price index up by 24.8 per cent in 1979, twice the annual average rise in the four proceding years.

The crisis was due not only to dearer oil but also to a bout

of over-consumption prompted by increased liquidity, and to speculative stockpiling by im-porters. By the end of the year the deficit on current account had doubled to nearly \$2,300m, forcing the government to borrow heavily abroad to close

borrow heavily abroad to close the gap.

The government is aware of the disadvantages of breezing into the Community at the end of this year riding on a high infletion rate. Its target, there-fore, is to cut infletion back to 15 per cent.

But the prospect of paying an extra \$1,000m for oil this year is already making econom-ists sceptical whether this target

The sechack comes just as the main formalities for entry—the ratification of the Treaty of Accession of Greece by the nine parliaments are proceeding apace.

countries - Britain, Five countries — Britain, France, Ireland, Germany and Italy, in that order—have already ratified the treaty. Three other member countries

Next January the Greeks will become full members of the European Community. Mario Modiano examines the

problems they must solve before then



Mr George Kontogeorgis, Greek minister in charge of EEC affairs: "exceptional measures" to deal with inflation.

are expected to complete for-malities by mid-March at the letest. There is some delay in the case of Tue Netherlands. but the Greek government does not foresee any insoluble prob-

Perhaps the main headache for those who are making the preparations for entry is the poor quality of the Greek public administration. Will it be able to cope with the huge challenge of the country's rapid Europeanization?

rapid Europeanization?

"We do not expect miracles", Mr Kontogeorgis says,
"but we are trying hard". A
new law already passed by
parliament authorizes government departments to disregard
standing rules and to hire
talented Greeks, preferably
people trained abroad, to man
key positions:
The British Council in

The British Council in Greece, along with equivalent institutions of other EEC countries, is helping Greece to give crash six-month courses to crash six-month courses to senior civil servants who are to have dealings with the com-munity. The aim is to help them brush up their foreign languages and teach them the Community jargon.

The opposition often criti-

cizes the government for failing to keep the public informed about how entry is likely to affect their lives and work. Mr Kontogeorgis says that the

government has a variety of information programmes on the EEC. These include week-long courses which are being held in 33 provincial towns for executives of small businesses. "We expect to train some 1,000-1,200 of them very soon," Mr Kontogeorgis says.

There are also television programmes, lectures, articles and pamphlets explaining how each category would be affec-ted and what to do to minimize the inevitable hazards. Seminars are also being organized in areas which have particular interests at stake—for instance, in the islands of Lesbos, Crete and Corfu, where olive oil is produced.

one of the most arduous preparatory tasks has been the translation of 22,000 pages of the Community's secondary law into Greek — roughly 12 million words. This began two years ago. Greek will be one of the Community's languages and since Greece has accepted all the existing EEC legislation this has to be published in Greek in the Community's official gazette. cial gazette.

"The law has been translated in simple demotic Greek by teams of jurist-linguists," Mr Kontogeorgis says. "It is now being revised by a team of 30 judges and state legal counsel who have experience with actual practice."

Some 8,500 translated pages have already been submitted to the EEC and by the end of this month half the work will have been handed over. The rest will be ready by the end of May.

In parallel with this effort the government decided to go ahead with the revision of Greek legislation to eliminate any conflict with Community law which has greater force, and to full any gaps. "The decrees needed for

these adjustments are ready,"
the minister says. "We are rechecking them and hope that
they will be promulgated by
September so that they can
come into force on January 1." Beyond the procedural questions, some important problems of readjustment have to be tackled in the 10 months before entry. One of them is to premovement of capital and pay-ments which must be fully in line with the Community's rules within the five-year grace period.

Already any EEC investor in Greece may bring in his capital freely, take out his profits or liquidate his investment and take his capital away. facility was brought into force before entry so that foreign investors would not be inclined to wait until 1981. The Bank of Greece is mean-

while making arrangements for the establishment of a foreign currency market in Athens, as well as for the drachma to be quoted in at least one EEC money market by next Septem-

ber.
Greek banks are already discussing how they will increase their competitiveness in anticipacion of an influx of EEC banks, which will be coming in under equal terms. Fifteen foreign banks already

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per Ordinary Stock Unit (Net)

have branches in Greece where there are only 12 Greek commercial and investment banks. nine of them state-controlled.

One question the government will have to settle with the EEC before January 1 is the adjustment of Greek farm prices to those of the Community. The differences are not enormous, however, as inflation has already raised Grack prices.

Once they are established, the differences will be eliminated by five yearly instalments during the period of grace. For peaches and tomatoes it will take seven years.

According to Mr Konte-According to Mr Kontogeorgis, estimates made in 1978
indicated that the consumer
price index in Greece would
rise by about 5 per cent during
the five-year period as a result
of these adjustments. This
increase is likely to be lower
because of the elimination of
Greek state subsidies on meat
and fertilizers in 1979.

Greece has been an associate

member of the EEC slace 1962 and during the course of this association import tariffs on EEC industrial products have been eliminated in the case of products not manufactured locally and reduced to 32 per cent for the rest. These will be wiped out gradually within the five-year grace period.

Association with the Com-munity has braced Greek industries to face competition without protective trade barriers, so that entry should be smoother than it is likely to be for those candidates who start from scratch. It has given several industries time to adjust their production to a market not of 10 million Greeks but 250 mil-

lion Europeans. What is causing some sur-prise to Community officials is that the Greek government has not so far prepared the detailed schemes needed to take advantage of Community financing in infrastrucure projects. The Greek economy has suffered in recent years from a serious dearth of private industrial investment. This is reflected in the place worth of industrial investment. in the slow growth of industrial production and it may gradually cause large-scale lay-offs, giving the country an unemploy-ment problem for the first time

in two decades.

Beginning next month, Greece
will be taking part as an observer in the Community's management committees and ad hoc groups, which work out proposals and decisions for the ministerial council. This will give the Greeks a chance to express their opinion on these proposals at the preparatory

By September the Greek ambassador to the EEC will sit in at the meetings of the Council of Permenent Representa-tives in readiness for the day, a few months later, when the Greek foreign minister will take his seat as an equal in the ministerial council, which will then be commonly known as the Council of Ten.

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Business Diary: Fire power • City's Cash flow

At 8.45 yesterday morning, the Pall Mall gun firm of Churchill, Arkin, Grant & Lang, took possession for an undisclosed fee of two shorguns it had made for the Duke of Windsor for £150 each in the 1950s.

Twenty minutes later they had found a buyer—the daughter of a Greek shipping owner who went away delighted with what she considered a bargain. She had paid £18,000 for the pair for the pair.

High-class shotgurs make a killing both on and off the moors today, which goes a long way towards explaining the plans of Churchills' owners, the Harris and Sheldon group, for their gun making business. Churchills, where a gun will



Pat Whatley.

cost you £9,000, will remain untouched. It will continue to produce 70 pieces a year in a market where its sole competitors are firms such as Purdey and Holland and Holland. But the 146-year-old name of gun-makers W. & C. Scott will

be revived in a new works in Birmingham which will produce custom-built guns costing between £1,800 and £2,300. Former British pistol team captain, Pat Whatley, Scott's managing director, is looking for world sales of 200 in the first year out of a market of 5,000.

His sights are firmly set on America, where he reckous the guns will be appreciated as much as investments as sporting firearms.

● If the British Steel Corporation does manage to hook an American to take over from Sir Charles Villiers, it will be setting something of a prece-

dent, it seems.

I spoke to the CBI, the American Chamber of Commerce (United Kingdom) and the American Embassy yesterday in an attempt to glean the names of people who had oldest shipbuilding company in crossed the Atlantic to rejuvenate industry in the old country.

"Does Vauxhall count?" was the Myrmidou, the last of three the best offer I had. And as it is part of General Motors it. certainly does not. I fear BSC may not have an easy task



I have doctorates in psychology, business studies and English and I want to compose classical, uplifting commercials for the coming fourth TV channel."

Ross Belch, the chief executive of Scott Lithgow, admitted to "a little personal sadness" when he officiated at his last launch from Scott's Cartsburn yard on the Clyde yesterday. Later this year, Belch will retire from Scott's, which is the

multipurpose cargo liners being

built by the company for the Ocean Transport and Trading

Company of Liverpool.

Of its predecessors which made up a £36m package for the yard, the Maron, launched last April, is now on trial, and the Mentor is being fitted out after an August launch.

Belch said there would be no more launches at Greenock this year because of the shortage of

As the navel building division of Scott Lishgow, Scott's has specialized in submarine build-ing, a sector with a somewhat uncertain future.

 The best investment ever made by the City of London is starting to feel the pinch of inflation. Known quite simply as the City's Cash, it is a fund that helps to pay for a number of the corporation of London's favourite amenities. from the City of London School to Billingsgate Fish Market and the upkeep of Epping Forest.

It originated in the 18th cento originated in the form cantury when the corporation decided it would be a good idea
to drain for building a section of
land not far from Westminster.
Today the area is known as
Mayfair and the City gleefully
collects ground rent from part
of Bond Street and Conduit of Bond Street and Conduit Street, which, with income from property it owns in the City, last year added up to £5im for

That may sound a ridy sum. but last year the upkeep of Epping Forest alone cost £340,000, all of it coming from the fund, not the City rates. The cash problem has so wor-

ried the Epping Forest Centen-ary Trust that it is organizing an evening to raise some of its own money for the upkeep of the forest Lord Miles, better known as Bernard Miles, founder of the Mermaid Theatre, will star in a dramatization of the handing

over of the forest to the corporation's keeping in 1878. The City has rallied round to

support the £35-a-head evening support the £35-a-head evening at the Whitbread Brewery on March 3. Trafalgar House has donated a cruise as a prize and the Chase Manhattan Bank is sponsoring a competition to find the most suitable new music for a poem about Essex written by the Poet Laureate Among the trust patrons who

Terence Beckett, chairman of Ford of Britain, Sir David Steel, chairman of BP, and Lord Chelmer, chairman of the Provident Financial Group. London Transport has given a single decker bus to be pre-sented to the London school which produces the best poster about the forest.

are expected to attend are Sir

Terence Mallinson, the trust nairman, told me: "We have chairman, told me: raised £156,000 in the last 18 months to make a local gesture of help because we realize that inflation is biting into the

The secretarial revolt against boring and repetitious work is increasing. I was heartened to hear of the following exchange the other day. Would-be boss to potential employee: "So, you've got 10 years' experience working as a secretary?" Dis-gruntled reply: "No, I've got one year's experience 10 times

David Hewson

THE BRUNNER INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

Managers: KLEINWORT, BENSON LIMITED Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman,

Mr. T. B. H. Brunner, and summary of the results for the year ended 30th November, 1979. Net income rose by 23.6 per cent. to £816,192. Your Board recommends payment of a final dividend of 2.75p per share resulting in a total Eamings and

distribution of 4.90p per share (4.00p in 1978). The value of invested funds after deduction of prior charges at par and net current liab increased by 3.7 per cent. to £21,882,346. Since the year end we have added to our investments in Japan and the Far East.

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The Annual General Meeting will be held at 20 Fenchurch Street, London EC3P 3DB on Friday 14th March 1980 at 12.45 p.m.

Low turnover as optimists wait for rally

Dealers were in a fairly optimistic mood at the resumption of trading yesterday, in the hope that some sort of rally might take place following Mon-day's defensive performance. But they were disappointed, and prices were left to drift.

Market sentiment remained marker sentiment remained wornied by the spate of bad news which has kept buyers at bay recently, and which still shows no sign of abaring. But despite the worsening steel situation, and bleak economic outlook, very little selling was appropriated and support was encountered and turnover was described as low. Some observ-ers still remain fairly confident about an upturn later in the week, in the belief that as the institutions' cash supply builds up some release must be provided and this may occur when the first bit of good news

appears on the horizon. So as before the stage was held by the specularive elements and specialist situations—as in

and specialist situations—as in the case of oils.

Some early buying was reported and was borne out by the index which opened 3.6 up. But this proved thin and when the follow through perered out jobbers went on the defensive and marked their prices lower.

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Gilts made more of a spirited attempt to correct matters and tried to show some improve-ment on overnight levels. Unfortunately this came to an abrupt halt when Wall Striet reopened easier, and was closely followed by the ennouncement that prime rares had risen to 151 per cent. This proved all too much for gilts, especially at the longer end where prices were rapidly marked lower. After earlier reporting rises of around £1 longs eventually fin-ished the day a £1 lower. The effect at the short end of the market was less substantial with

Wall Street also had an unsettling effect on equities which closed mostly at or near the bottom. The FT Index, which was

unchanged at 3 pm, went on to finish 1.2 off at 461.8. Leading industrials were mostly easier where changed, although the exception to the rule proved to be Pilkington

Against the trend, footwear maker Headlam, Sims & Coggins rose 2p to 45p. Even so they are still only that amount away from the 1979-80 low. Operators talk of developments, and recall the interim assurance that the group is placed to prefit from any trading opportunities.

Bros, where a small amount of bros, where a small amount or investment interest lifted the price 3p to 228p. ICI, unchanged at 398p, was fairly firm ahead of next week's figures and hopes of 100 per cent scrip issue. But Fisons fell 5p to 284p, accompanied by Hawkers 6p lower at 178p and Unilever 3p off at 455p. BAT

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Drake & Sculi (F) 65(39.4)
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Amer Tst (F) -(-)
Ernest Jones (F) 9.0(7.0)
Marchwiel (F) 239(188)

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continued to recover gaining 2p to 238p after last week's nervousness when the price fell 20p in three days. Furness Withy looked slightly unsteady, dropping 12p to 368p amid a weight of rumours over its recent approach from C. Y. Tung of Hongkong. The com-

pany was yesterday deep in talks with the chairman's son. Mr C. H. Tung, although both sides were keeping tight lipped. Speculation also continued to bolster Stag Line 14p stronger at 180p, in a thin market, with some pundits claiming that Ropner Holdings holding a near 30 per cent is about to bid for the rest.

Shares of Delson returned from suspension, leaping 21p to 52p on news of an agreed bid from McKechnie Bros, 1p lower

Speculative attention also focused on Wedgwood following third-guarter profits announce-ment with the shares climbing 2p to 73p, while United Scientific was good for 10p at 483p after recent press comment.

Latest results

Elsewhere on the bid front Polly Peck Holdings advanced to 19p, way above the bid price of 9p from Restro Investments. Also, fears that the offer for Armitage Shanks, ip up at 101p will lapse, knocked Blue Circle Industries 2p to 304p.

Among companies reporting City Offices fell 2p to 84p after its preliminary announcement and a less than expected per-formance from Drake & Scull clipped 21p from the shares at 411p. In jewelry, Excalibur improved 1 p to 22p and Ernest Jones jumped 20p to 216p fol-lowing its announcement of a 100 per cent scrip. Others to benefit from trading statements included Norfolk Capital Group, 2p ahead to 43p, Thermal Syn-dicate up 3p to 119p, while Marchwiel advanced 5p to 88p on better profits and a property

Favourable comment on recent results from Nottingham Manufacturing helped the shares up a further in to 85p. Electricals had a quieter time of it than of late, although the Decca twins continue to gain

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revaluation.

ground. The ordinary expanded 18p to 623p and the "A" 5p to 512p. Racal was unchanged at 216p but GEC firmed 1p to 363p. Among the other takeover candidates in the electricals sector Ferranti held at 464m. cals sector Ferranti held at 494p, Plessey dipped 1p at 138p and Berec shed 2p to 117p.

Engineers remained fairly re silient to the worsening steel

Fans of the Imperial group wer chased away last year when the tobacco giant unveiled a bid for Howard Johnson with an accompanying forecast of poor results But brokers Capel-Cure Myers see considerably better profit growth this year, and with a prospective 13.4 per cent yield they think the shares are excellent 18-month value, They closed last night at 83 p.

dispute, helped by some speculative interest, and buyers at the lower levels. Tubes rose 4p to 302p, Vickers 2p to 127p and Babcock International added a similar amount to 101p. Rubbers took a pause for breath after recent hectic activity with Guthrie sliding 3p to 322p on profit taking with Killinghall at 545p and London Sumaira at 423p both holding firm. Only Padang Sedang, which it was felt had been overlooked recently during the rise in the rubber price, had any improvement rising 18p to 125p.

Propercies had Hammerson

Properties had Hammerson A down 10p at 825p but West-minster & Country Properties advanced 4p to 41p.

Equity turnover on February 18, 298.347m (14,501 bargains) Active srocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were, Burmah, ICI, Racal, BAT's, Lesmo, Premier Cons, RTZ, Consolidated Gold Fields.

Drake & Scull disappoints with 4 pc profits rise

Drake & Scull Holdings, the London-based engineers yester-day reported profits for the year to last October up 4 per cent to £2.6m. Turnover was 69 that the belance their mill show the show the belance the show the belance the show the per cent ahead at £65.8m.

The board points out that pro-fits would have been £300,000 higher but for the engineering strike last year. But the market registered disappointment as the shares eased 2!p to 41!p, despite a 37 per cent increase in the gross total dividend to 3.927p with a 2.142p final.

that the balance sheet will show cash of around £4m.

Since the year end approval has been given for a reduction in the nominal value of the group's shares from 25p to 1p. The group has also sold its interest in the Greyfriars Centre, Ipswich, for £900,000, producing a surplus after expen-

The directors point out that ses and taxation of £475,000 The effect has been to push the group's reserves from a defi-cit of £5.1m into the black to £160,000.

At the attributable level pro-fits have increased 41 per cent to 51.7m aided by the sale of property which contributed £283,000 after tax.

At present the group says it has £150m worth of work in hand and will not be affected by the steel strike, for at least two months.

Offshore group in option talks

In a bid to damp down speculation which sent the shares of Caledonian Offshore Services soaring almost 100p to 310p on Monday, the board said yesterday that it was negotiaring with a major company over an option for a farm-in on one of its two North Sea licences. The company's main asset is a 20 per cent interest in a North Sea licence consisting of part of Block 29/02. Caledonian is conducting the

negotiations with its co-interest licence holder, Placid Oil, but stressed that the exercise of the option would depend on a review of the existing seismic information.

If the unnomed major com-pany, which it is believed could be Shell, which has adjoining acreage, or Occidental, finds the review sufficiently encouraging, it may drill a well on the block which would result in Caledonian Offshore's interest being substantially reduced.

Bid for H Norrington

The agreed offer is on the basis of 21p cash or 21p nominal of a variable-rate guaranteed unsecured loan stock 1980/84 for each Norting.

One be Christophe stock 1980/84 for each Norring-ton ordinary share. Burgess has already received acceptances totalling 34.8 per cent provided

By Rosemary Unsworth
Frederick H. Burgess, the agricultural engineer, iron-monger and fuel oil distributor, has made an £800,000 bid for Henry Norrington & Son, the Exeter and West Country-based agricultural business.

The spread offer is made from the majority of the Norrington board which holds 1.3m shares. And Burgess, which acquired a recent 5.4 per cent holding at 21p with an option to purchase an additional 15.1 per cent, already held 135,000 shares before dealings were suspended before dealings were suspended two weeks ago at 164p. Burgess's stake now represents 24

CI raises Armitage stake

increased its holding yesterday to 28.6 per cent by buying 200,000 shares at 101p. This is the value currently put on Armitage's shares by Blue Circle cent mark.

Industries' bid for the sanitary Mr John ware group.

The first closing date for the £33m offer is tomorrow and there are signs that Blue Circle may allow the offer to Japse if

Ceramics Investments, Armiage Shanks' major sharcholder, insufficient. Blue Circle, which
acreased its holding yesterday has a 15 per cent stake in Armitage, has siready said that the offer will go unconditional when acceptances top the 50 per

Mr John Round, Armitage's finance director, said yesterday that the number of acceptances for the agreed bid from private shareholders was quite consid-

Business appointments

Options

Traded options spent another quiet day yesterday as the rest of the market continued to dwell in the doldrums. Total contracts rose only slightly from 398 to 498 although activity should improve today with the February expirty dates as most investors complete their "cabinet" deals. Marks & Spencer made the most impact with 152 deals completed although the two big mining financials were not far behind.

Traditional options had a better time of things with stores and oils providing most interest.

Thermal Syndicate moves ahead

Although the Group achieved a very substantial increase in

turnover to a record level, I regret that the profit before tax has

declined from £13,55 million to £12.43 million. Although an

exceptionally low tax charge resulted in a substantial increase

comply with the new accounting rules. Without this, our profit

for the year would have been some £2.4 million lower than last year at £11.13 million, i.e. slightly above the figure I

estimated in my interim Statement. There are a number of reasons for this disappointing result. At home a very poor and

prolonged winter undoubtedly cost the Group a great deal of

money and losses unfortunately continued on the large civil

engineering contracts to which I referred last year. Overseas,

On a number of public sector contracts there are significant

sums of money outstanding which we have every expectation of recovering. Unfortunately, however, this type of contract is

taking longer and longer to settle. The financial implications of

contractors are properly and quickly reimbursed for their public

resources and short term investments remained at a high level.

We are continually investigating opportunities for investing a

Group. During the year we were frustrated at being unable to

to make an increasingly significant contribution to profits.

substantial part of these in new activities which will expand the

Nevertheless our activities outside heavy construction continue

At the year end Mr. M. S. McVey, who had 40 years continuous service with the Group, retired from the Board. I am sure all

hareholders will join me in thanking him for all he has done.

Very bad weather during the winter, which continued until the end of May, severely disrupted many contracts, but building work is currently proceeding at a satisfactory rate. General

I should also like to offer my sincere thanks to our staff and work force who have once again performed outstandingly well

delay are considerable since payments, when they are made,

do not automatically include allowances for interest. Undoubtedly Government, which dealt us a severe blow by

its cuts in capital spending, has a duty to ensure that

At the year end shareholders funds stood at £58.5 million

compared with £46.4 million last year and general liquid

bring one or two promising opportunities to fruition.

Sir Alfred McAlpine & Son (Northern) Limited

industrial building remains promising and the heavy civil engineering at the Dinorwic Power Station is going well.

Despite the cut back in roadwork spending, we are at present

actively engaged on seven motorway contracts and these will continue throughout the year. Whilst we are satisfied with the current work load, the availability of new work gives cause for concern, particularly in the roadwork and general civil engineering sections. Contractual recompense in respect of

losses on completed contracts is being energetically pursued

This company's turnover increased substantially, but profit margins declined due to severe losses in the civil engineering

and housing sectors. The outstanding workload is reasonably

satisfactory and evenly distributed between civil engineering and building, although public sector housing has declined. Detailed attention is being given to the settlement of our claims on the loss making public sector contracts.

Whilst there has been a small increase in the contracting

turnover of Marchwiel Holding AG and its subsidiaries, the

involved in marketing a substantial overseas business. The Group's main activities continue to be centred on the Sudan

Where unfortunately significant losses are being incurred on

on newly awarded work on the Kenana project, and our

one of the contracts. During the year good progress was made

level is still insufficient to offset the very considerable expense

and substantial payments are eventually anticipated

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in very difficult circumstances.

International

outside Southern Africa and Portugal, our operations did not

in earnings per share. The pre-tax figures are not strictly comparable as we have changed our rates of depreciation to

Meldrum Inv (F)

A return to more normal trading conditions lifted profits at high technology materials manufacturer Thermal Syndicate by almost a fifth. In the year to October 31 the

group turned in pretax profits of £1.4m against a previous £1.12m on turnover £2m higher at £12.6m. However, the problems of the previous year, when the group was hit by the severe winter and the transport strike which disrupted delivery of raw materials, depressed the com-

Concealed within the pretax

sale of "know-how" and plant contracts which amounted to only £70,000 in the year under against a previous review, £500,000.

Gordon Retherington reports that there are no further "know-how" profits in the pipeline. Although there will be some future contributions; the profit from this side is un-likely to reach the £100,000 level in the current year. The German division turned last year's loss of around £70,000 into a profit for the period under review while the

Future Prospects

business,

involvement with this major scheme is now drawing to an end.

In Dubei, the Setwa Apartment Block for His Highness Sheikh

but at present it is not proving possible to find further work at satisfactory margins. In general, the overseas payment position

Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum, the Ruler, has been completed,

Our domestic order book is not as strong as last year, but it is not

and South Africa is good. However, we are very short of forward

contractors looking for the available work at home and oversess

and thus difficulties lie shoad for those unable to adapt. Also a

number of large contractors from countries outside the EEC

Also important of course, is the speed with which we can

and financial strength to adapt and weather the current

completed but as yet unscitled contracts.

the presert worldwide recession eases.

seem prepared to work abroad at prices which would involve

western engineering contractors in severe losces. In the short

term our own progress will depend on how successfully we can expand our operations into activities which are not dependent

on traditional heavy civil engineering and building construction.

persuade our clients in the public sector to reimburse us on the

We are most fortunate in having the management, work force

problems, and I have no doubt that we will be as well placed as

any of our competitors to take advantage of the situation when

unsatisfactory in the circumstances. The position in Portugal

orders elsewhere abroad. Frankly there are now too many

Group

MARCHWIEL LIMITED

accounts for around 17 per cent of profit, is also doing well.

The group has just completed a \$350,000 (£155,000) acquisition in the United States and the group has earmarked around film to be spent on exmanaging director

panding the business both in the United Kingdom and America in the current year.

Trading in the first half has been slightly better than the same period last year but the directors are not making any forecasts for the second six montils.

The final dividend of 5.7p gross brings the total for the year to 10p an increase of 16.7 per cent on last time.

Bonus issue from jewellers

By Philip Robinson Ernest Jones (Jewellers) the retailer which came to market nearly 20 months ago 85 times oversubscribed, reported a one-third lacrease in profits, more than doubled the total dividend and handed out a one-for-one bonus share issue yesterday.

In its first full year as public company, to the end of Sep-tember last, the group pushed pretax profits 27 per cent ahead to £1.6m and turnover, without VAT, went up from £6.2m to £7.9m. Chairman Mr Ernest Wein-

stein says that the current year n encomaging residti with Christmas trading at a very high level, in spite of the fact that more people seemed to be selling jewelry for their precious metal content than having it. buying it Jones shares jumped 22n but

Johns states Jumped 229 our later settled 200 higher on the day at 216p. Gross total dividend goes up from 5.22p to 10.71p with a 7.14p final.

Some of the group's incressed profits have been sided by price increases. During that year the gold and silver prices climbed steadily.

Mr Weinstein said : " It is our basic commodity, but we have to balance the price of our jewel-ity with the current price of gold and our stocks. To remain competitive the high cost of prectous metals means that we may well reduce the content of metal in some of our

Excalibur Jewellery, at the manufacturing end of the trade, is pushing hard for sales during the current period of slackening demand by offering incen-

tives to retailers.

Price rises helped the Birmingham-based groun lift profits

19 per cent to £3.1m, while turnover for the half year to the end of October rose £200,000 to £3.1m. Gross interim dividend is lifted from 0.42p to 0.799p.

Slower growth rate in leasing business equipment rose by 30 per cent to £315m; and that on com-mercial vehicles by 45 per cent

Leasing business continues to expand very rapidly, although the rate of growth now appears to be slowing down. Figures published yesterday by the Equipment Lessing Association that new business undertaken by members during 1979 amounted to £1,802m, a 48 per cent increase on the year before. In 1978 the increase was 67 per cent.

All sectors of the business expanded during 1979—even cars, despite withdrawal of the 100 per cent first-year allowances on cars on long-term leases in the last Budget. Total expenditure on assets lessed to manufacturing industry rose by 56 per cent to £827m; expendi-

Scott Hale (Contractors) of Romford has gone into voluntary Romora has gone into voluntary and continuing "losses. The plant-hire and ready-mix concrets activities will continue at Basildon, and the company is being advised by accountants Touche Ross.

WESTMINSTER PROPS Turdover for half-year to October 31 up from £584,000 to £700,000, while prema profits of Westminster and Country Pro-perties more than doubled to £156,000 (against £70,000 last reart. Current indications are that full year's pretax profits will be alout twice last year; interim dividend doubled to 1.42p gross and board expects to pay final of 2.14p (ajainst 1.42p last year). WINTRUST

Wintrust has declared the first dividend relating to the feature during October, 1979, of 101 per cent cumulative preference shares. The dividend of 4.9327 pence per share will be paid on March 31, 1980. The ordinary shareholders are reminded that a second interim dividend of 0.879 pence per ordinary share has already been declared payable on February 28, 1980. NORFOLK EAPITAL GROUP

Turnover for year to Sentember 30 up from \$7.29m to \$8.22m and pretax profits from \$708,000 to \$229,000. Divident, 1.71p (1.3p) gross. Group has entered luto

After allowing for inflation, the volume increase in leasing business last year was just over

30 per cent. Mr Tom Clark, chairman of the association, said yesterday that because demand was likely to be depressed, leasing companies did not expect expenditure on assets for manufacturing com-panies to rise by much this year in real terms. year in real terms.
Credit Factoring International, a subsidiary of National
Westminster Bank, yesterday
reported a 22 per cent increase
in business to £627m in the
year to end-September, 1979.

56 per cent to £827m; expendi-Pre-tax profits rose by 61 per ture on computers and office cent to £821,000. conditional contract with Marks and Spencer for sale of freehold Red Horse Hotel at Stratford-

upon-Avon for £1m cash. WEST COAST TRUST Gross revenue of West Coast and Texas Regional Investment Trust for 1979, £241,000 (£229,006).

Briefly

Pretax profits, £94,000 (£107,000). Gross dividend raised from 1.64p to 1.78p.

YEARLING BONDS The coupon on this week's batch of local authority bonds is un-changed at a record 16; per cent. OLIVES PAPER MILL
Turnover for 1979, 23.4m
(14.95m), Pressus profit, 2342,000
(325,000), Gross payment raised
from 2p (adjusted) to 2.14p.

MELDRUM INVESTMENT Gross receive of Meldrum Investment Trust for 1979 rose from £779,000 to £1.04m. Pretas revenue up from £788,000 to £983,000; total payment up from £3.04p to 4.28p gross. CITY OFFICES

Grow income last year rose from \$1.52m to \$1.82m, while pretas profits were up from \$1.20m to \$1.39m. Total payment. 4,25p (4.11p) gross.

New deputy director

for Bankers Trust Mr Gerado Seeliger has been

Mr Gerado Seeliger has been elected assistant director of Bankers Trust international.
Viscount Montgomery of Alamein has been appointed to the board and to the chairmanship of the Antologasia (Chili) and Bolivia Rallway Company in succession to Mr G. S. Stone who has resigned. Mr Norman Crawford has Joined North British Properties as Inancial administrator/company secretary-designate.

Dr Tony O'Reilly, president of H. J. Heinz, has been elected chairman of Independent Newspapers.

Mr Ian Campbell has been made vice-chairman and Mr Geoffrey Myers an executive member for marketing of British Railways Based and Mr W Paradshaw

marketing of British Railways
Board and Mr W. P. Bradshaw,
chief operations manager, has
been made director of strategic
development in succession to Mr
Myers. Mr M. J. Southgate, deputy
general manager of the Southern
Region, is appointed chief operations manager.

Region. is appointed chief operations manager.

Mr Keith Macdonald, formarly managing director, IPC Industrial Press, has become managing director of IPC Electrical-Electronic Press. Mr Tony Smith, formerly a publishing director of Industrial Press, has succeeded Mr Macdonald as managing director. Industrial Press.

Mr Keith Tondeur has been appointed a partner of Quilter Hilton Goodison & Co.

Mr Charles Lowe has been appointed a director of Brook Street Bureau. He remains company succeedary.

pany secretary.
Mr B. D. Blackwell, chief executive, is to take up direct executive responsibility for Westland Heli-Mr G. Ross Russell has been appointed to the board of Braham Millar Group.

Mr John Anthony Stubbs has been made regional director of Clarke Homes and Clarke Homes (Middads).

(Midlands).
Mr Geoffrey Chouffot to be deputy chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority from April 1, succeeding Mr Michael H. Vivian, who is retring.
Sir Henry Phillips, due to retire from the CAA board will remain i a member until October 31.

The US property market

GROUP PROFIT for the year ended 31st October, 1979

A. J. McAlpine, Chairman.

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Taxation (Note 2)		
Profit before extracraman, items	10,741	6,530
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minority cateress	135	4
Profit attributable to share cide: S	8.537	2.757
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Undstribyted profit	5,148	1 975
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Dividends per share	δp	5 p
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As a result the depreciation that go for the year has been reduced by E1.798.000. 1. The Group has changed its decretiation policy to comply with SSAP 12.

2. The taxation charge for the year has been affected by:
(i) Stock appreciation relief for 1973 and 1974 appending to
§3.3 colling has now been released as a result of the 1979.

(ii) It is estimated that capital allowances for the year amounting to £1.8 million are not regard of and have therefore not been provided, (m) Profits in certain overseas submidiances suffered tax at a low operall rate due to losses brought forward flow previous years. (iv) No tax relief is an allable for losses incomed by certain other

DAGLZGGB 2072419162" A valuation of the Group's procesties in the United Kingdom at 31st October, 1979 revealed a net surplus of £5.272 million. To comply with SSAP 6 individual deficits amounting to \$518,000 base been charged to extraordinary items while surpluses totalling E5.79 million have been credited directly to reserves.

The Sir Alfred McAlpine Group

Still time to catch the boat

From New York

Back in 1975, with the city on the point of financial collapse, property was cheap in New York But five years on, office buildings and shooping centres are selling on yields of 5 per cent, or in some cases less, and rentals have more than doubled to as much as \$25 in some prime Park Avenue sites.
At first glance, therefore, it looks as if

At first glance, therefore, it looks as it the property investor has missed the hoat. Yet United Kingdom pension funds are sufficiently interested to the United States real estate market to have invited Mr Bowen (Buzz) McCoy, head of Brooks Harvey, and one of the leading United States property advisers, to address them at their conference in Eastbourne today. With the removal of exchange control, it teams certain that many will be persuaded seems certain that many will be persuaded to put some money where Mr McCoy's

mouth is.

Mr McCov, whose hobby is leading expeditions up Himalavan mountain peaks, has been on the United States property scene for more than 10 years, during which time Brooks Harvey—which is part of the Morgan Stanley Investment House—has carried off some of the most remarkable argument doubt seen house that it was his firm property deals seen here. It was his firm which arranged the financing and reorganization of the private Tishman empire in a staggering \$287m deal, and on an only slightly less impressive scale they arranged for the rebuilding of Madison Square Garden stadium, above the Penn Station railway tracks in New York.

Station railway tracks in New York.

The American property market is vast and diverse. It is virtually impossible for outsiders to find their way round it. Mr McCoy says: "There is not just one market. Even if you concentrate just on the big cities, you will still find that there are

perhaps 20 different sub-markets and it can take years to learn your way round just one city, like Los Angeles." Naturally he has a vested interest in stressing the need for expert advice, but without it you would never hear of the good properties until they had been

snapped up by someone else.

He therefore thinks the best strategy is for a fund to develop an investment programme to run for live to 10 years, with a fixed but flexible sum allocated every year to build a diverse portfolio. Moreover, British institutions are tich enough to buy property beyond the pocket of many domestic American buyers.

Mr. MrCov thinks the United States

of many domestic American buyers.

Air McCoy thinks the United States market is changing fast. American pension funds are beginning to buy, as they have not done for perhaps 10 years. He expects them to be much more aggressive in the 1980s. Also, the way in which property development is financed is evolving. Traditionally, institutions would grant low-cost 30 year mortgages. High interest rates have ended this so Brooks Harvey is actively developing alternative packages which give the provider of funds an equity share in the building. In return for lower interest charges.

For the institution, having equity can

For the institution, having equity can be much more increative than providing a conventional morrgage. But again Mr McCoy counsels caution. Overseas investors should get to know the market first before they rush into development. His ideal starting investment would be an office in a good location, where the leases will have five to seven years to run. This would sell on a yield of between 4 and 6 per cent, but on reletting in a few years the return could trebl to around 15 per cent. In other trebl to around 15 per cent, in other

words, the best way to get a bargain is to take a lower return in the first few years. shopping developments are also far more attractive here than in Britain, and frequently sell for the same yields as offices. The reason is that most rentals are linked to the turnover of the shop, and as this will increase in line with inflation, so too will the rental. The problem for the foreign buyer is that he will have to deal with a lot of local tenants rather than the large national organizations which, typically, take space in large office blocks. The same reasoning makes Mr McCoy cool on industrial estates—it is not that they cannot be very profitable—but they require considerable local knowledge.

hut they require considerable local knowledge. He is keen on horels. Contrary to United Kingdom practice, many of the best-known hotel companies simply rent and manage their buildings. Institutions hold the freehold, and as he says, they are eleter to adjust for inflation "because you can always put un the room rate". His main word of warning though is for investors not to just dabble in the market. The market is cyclical and "unless you are prepared to ride out the cycles you will buy dear and sell cheap". His other warning is to investigate the tair angle thoroughly. It pays United States investors to sell their property every 10 years or so to maximize their depreciation tax allowance, but that is not available necessarily to the foreign investor. Also, a presentation tax allowance. not evailable necessarily to the foreign investor. Also, a proposed change in the law could make foreigners pay capital tains for the first time on real estate profess. If that law gets passed they might be better sticking to Wall Street stocks.

Anthony Hilton

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duction in about two years.

A contract for the overburden, stripping and open-pit mining has been awarded to Leighton Contractors. About 300,000 tonnes of ore a year will be removed from the open pit over five and a half years of operation under the contract. After that the mine may go underground.

Seltrust Mining used to be called Western Selcast. The Teutonic Bore is near Murchison, and was located in 1976. This is the latest mine to be brought into operation by Selection Trust, which while having an 8.3 per cent stake in Amaz, the American natural resource company, is also indirectly 26 per cent controlled by Anglo American. American.

Toyota Motor Sales

Toyota Motor Sales has re-vised upwards its after-tax profit forecast for the current business year ending next March 31 to about 33bn yen from 31bn estimated last November. It also revised up-

see its stake in Agfa-Gevaert fall from 50 per cent to 40 per cent,

International

and its management board has agreed to this. Approval is still required from Bayer's supervisory board, and the German cartel office, Bayer said. The move to raise Agfa-Gevaert's capital has been prompted by the sharp rise in the price of silver, it added.

National Consolidated

The large Australian manufacturing group, National Consolidated, boosted profits by 17.4 per cent to \$A4m (about £2.25m) for the half-year to December 31. Turnover also climbed 20.4 per cent in the same period to \$A89m.

BP Australia

Melbourne.—BP Australia Ltd has confirmed that it plans

Placid-Gulf

plans to make an offer to buy Gulf Resources and Chemicals Guit Resources and Chemicals' common and preferred stock.
Under terms of the proposed offer, Placid will pay \$42.12 for each Guif Resources common share, \$69.62 for each series "A" preferred share, \$52.91 for each series "B" preferred share and \$49.77 for each series "C" preferred share tendered,—Router,

TDK Electronics

Tokyo.—TDK Electronics Co, Japan's largest manufacturer of magnetic recording tapes, is hoping to report a 15 per cent increase in both sales and net profit in the year ending last November as a result of the growing popularity of videotape recorders (VTRS).

TDK Executive Vice-President Mr Katsuro Kamiya says his company has set two goals to achieve the earnings target: expansion and addition of overseas facilities and heavier emphasis on research and develop-

Melbourne.—BP Australia seas facilities and heavier emported for the last business year on sales of 2.81 trillion.

The company said that the upward revision followed a larger than-expected increase in exports to the United State and improved exports of the position against the dollar.

Exports in the year are expected to rise to 1.47m vehicles from an original target of 1.37m, while domestic sales will be

Melbourne.—BP Australia spokesman moted the planned purchase is Melbourne.—BP Australia spokesman moted the planned purchase is Australia in a dath development and heavier empease facilities and heavier empease for its last three successive years and analysts find little to criticize in the company. Indeed, TDK has echleved record aron many announced agreement in principles for its last three successive years and analysts find little to criticize in the original facilities and heavier empeased for its last three and Ampea Corp have found and Ampea Corp have found and Ampease

Seltrust Mining, the Australian subsidiary of Selection Trust, has received official permission to go ahead with the development of its Teutonic Bore project in Western Australia.

The ore body is reckoned to be 2.5m tonnes, made up of an average 3.5 per cent copper, 9.5 per cent zinc, and 150 per cent to 60 per cent by subscribing in full for DM200m of new capital issued by Agfadiction in about two years.

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for computer and measuring instruments, fine ceramics and mopolithic chip capacitors.—

AP-Dow Jones. Dallas.-Placid Oil Company

Hampton Gold

Hampton Gold

Hampton Gold Mining Areas
is spending A52.16m on buying
14.9 per cent of Paringa Mining,
an Australian mining and exploration company. Paringa has
been one of the more dramatic
performers in the Australian
mining stock boom.

The deal, worth £1.04m, is to
be financed by issuing 372,250
Hampton shares to Paringa. The
shares have been placed with
institutions by stockbrokers
Hoare, Govett. Paringa's main
asset is 10 per cent of the Que
River project in Tasmania.

Last year Hampton, whose in-Last year Hampton, whose in-terests include Wulter, the Huddersfield manufacturer of min-ing machinery, coal in Staffordshire, a stake in Western Mining, lead in Australia, and in in Cornwall, made pretax profits of £446,000.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT CONSTANT FACTOR COST (1975=100)

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of the expendium-based measure of gdp in 1979, these figures have been produced by projecting forward the sverage of estimate in 04 1978 by the quarterly movements in the output-based measure.

Wall Street

New York, Feb 19.—Stock prices dropped sharply in heavy trading this morning. Declines led advances eight to three and the Dow Jones radasmal average dropped six points.

dropped six points.

Analysts said investors were concerned about a new round of interest rate increases. This moraing Chase Manhattan Bank and Chemical Bank raised prime rates to a record 15½ per cent from 15½ per cent.

On Friday the Faderal Reserve raised the discount rate to a record 13 per cent from 12 per cent and Wells Fargo Bank raised its prime rate to 15½ per cent from 15½ per cent.

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Bank Base Rates

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Williams and Glyn's 17% * 7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 15;. up to £25,000 15,%, ever £25,000 15,%.

Commodities



market

There was an easier feel to the market yesterday. Nevertheless, the Bank of England found it necessary to give small-scale help once egain, burying Treesury bills and local authority bills direct from the houses.

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The opening was a little slow on rates around 17 to 16% per cent, but it soon became obvious that banks were preparing for today's mid-mouth make-up. Demand for reserve assets directed money towards the discount houses, and some sizable sums became available on rates that steadily declined to 16% per tent over the course of the morning.

In the early afternoon, 16 per 755 Sales: 2,743 lots including 49 options.
COCOA was easy (£ per motive ton).
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SUGAR.—The London daily price of "raws" was £15 lower at £235: the "whites" price was £25 lower at £235: the "whites" price was £25 lower at £272. Futures (£ per tonno): Old tonstreet (ender): March. 243-75-44. Oct. May 255-75-54. Oct. Aug. 256-50-57. Oct. 268-25-88-75. Sales: 8.504; how contract (quiet): May. 207-57. Oct. 268-25-88-76. Sales: 8.504; how contract (quiet): May. 207-57. Oct. 268-25-88-50-55. Oct. 260-55; Jan. 240-97; March. 259-51.25; May. 358-51.25; Sales: 165 lott. Est price to the contract of the first price of the contract of the contract

In the early afternoon, 16 per cent was touched. Towards the close, however, the sinuation was tightening a little once again, so that books were finally ruled off between 15 to 161 per cent. Against the market was the un-winding of a previous purchase and resale agreement, requiring the houses to buy back a moderate quantity of bills. This was only partially offset by small above-target bank balances coming over from Monday.

Money Market Rates

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Financo House Base Rate 17's

Foreign exchange report

The dollar fluished with widespread gains on foreign exchanges
yesterday .Confirmation of higher
United States interest rates with
three major banks lifting their
prime rate to 15½ per cent, and
the Fed chairman's announcement
of a new monetary target provided
the impetus for the dollar's advance.

Sterling ended the day 2.45
cents down at 2.2720 to the dollar,

Dollar Spot

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MEAT COMMISSION: Average factors factor in representative markets on February 19.—QE cattle 79.560 per 18 let 19.—QE cattle 19.—QE per 19.—QE per 19.—QE per 19.—QE per 19.—QE per 19.—QE cattle per 19.—QE cattle per 19.—QE cattle 19.—QE cattle price 19.—QE cattle 19.—QE cattle price 19.—QE cattle p

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M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8EB Telephone 01-621 1212

	9/30 Low	Company	Price	Ch'se	Gross Div(p)	Yld Se	P/B
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234	185	Bandon Hill	234	_	13.8	5.9	-0.2
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101	63	Deborah Ord	90	+1	5.0 17.5	5.0	9.5
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96	88	Frank Horsell	96		12.8	12.1	+4.5
129	100	Frederick Parker	106	+1		16.0	*_
156	102	George Blair	103	+1	5.2	8.5	*3.6
62	45	Jackson Group	61	+2	7.2	6.3	10.0
153	113	James Burrough	114	-1	31.3	12.5	*8.C
300	242	Robert Jenkins	250	_	14.3	6.5	*5.7
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Sterling: Other Rates Markets Mexico New Zealand Saudi Arabia Singapore South Airica Ireland quoted in 1 Scurrency.
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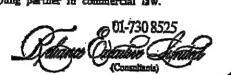
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In all, it is not necessary to look to remote country locations for houses that are above average in size. An wern Hall, at Llandyrnog, in The gardens around the has been added to over the Trottenden Oast, at Goudinteresting example is The Corner House, at Swinford, not far from Rugby, on the This is an elegant, relabouted are several paddocks, the price is five bedrooms and three made about five years ago

Warwickshire. This is an older but com-

including a new roof, new windows and the installation of a damp-proof course. The bathrooms. Here, too, there main accommodation comprises six reception rooms, a garaging. Gardens and a master bedroom and bath-room suite, and five further 2; acres. A price of about bedrooms and another bath-fillo,000 is expected. room. In addition, a separate wing contains a party room opening on to an indoor swimming pool, a sauna-cumgymnasium with a shower, another sitting room and two further bedrooms. Outside there is a central courtyard with garage and a small gar-den. Offers in the region of £110,000 are being asked through Jackson-Stops and Staff, of Northampton, and Ivan Cawood, of Rugby.

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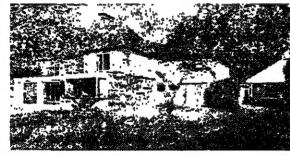
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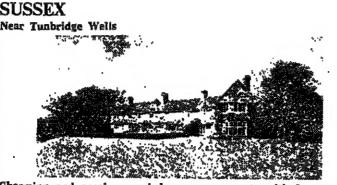


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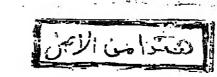
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The cinema has much to answer for. Take the Pathans. Countless epics about the North-West Frontier have shown them sweeping down the mountain sides, teeth flashing in sadistic glee, mindless killers, their savagery unmotivated. Tonight's documentary The Pathans (ITV, 10.30) does not whitewash them, but it does go a long way towards explaining what it is that makes the Pathan so formidable a fighter. We are told that he is ignited by his religion, Islam, and the powerful code of conduct called Pukhtunwali, both of which demand high standards of bravery and loyalty and bonour. Anyone outside the code is marked out as a legitimate target for attack. The Soviet troops now inside Afghanistan are learning this lesson the hard way, which is why André Singer's film has such a high degree of

• Open Secret (BBC 1, 9.25) is another of those watchdog warnings which television can utter so dramatically. Peter Williams is the human probe in this new series: I well remember the impressive investigative work he did when he worked for Thames Television's This Week. Tonight his subject is those substances many people are in daily contact with at work, which could be dangerous and even prove lethal. He considers the case of five American women, working in a lead factory, who elected to be sterilized rather than lose their jobs, and he interviews Dr Ioana Lancranjan, a Romanian scientist, who has caused something of a furore with her study of how the male reproductive system can be seriously affected by exposure to

• The Hard Way (ITV, 8.00) is about an Irish assassin (Patrick McGooban) who three of killing. I found myself sharing his feelings as I watched this slowly unfurling drama with its high mortality rate. It cannot, however, be dismissed as a film completely without significance. It does contain the first acting performance by Edna O'Brien, the writer, who plays Mr McGooban's estranged wife. She paces to and fro in what looks like a church crypt, walks round street corners and finally through a cemetery. Muted tonally and in emotional expression, she addresses the camera at widely spaced intervals. I hesitate, therefore, to predict whether ber eventual fame as an actress will equal her success as a writer.

 My first encounter with digital recording on BBC radio was ast Christmas Eve, in the transmission of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge. I did not really understand the technique then, and I'm not sure I do now. All I know is that there was a clarity of sound from King's that I don't remember having heard on radio before. If you want to discover for yourself what the digital converter can do for recorded music, listen to touight's violin and piano recital by Gidon and Elean Kremer on Radio 3 at 10.55.

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4.25 Jackanory: Pruncila Scales commuses reading Bogwoppit, by Ursula Moray Williams.

4.40 Take Hart: Tony Hart uses coloured water to paint some pictures. 5.00 John Craven's Newstound.

6.40 am Open University: The Mackenzie File: 7.05 The Baroque Organ; 7.30 Writing History. Closedown at 7.55.

9.05 For Schools, Colleges: Engineering (joining, welding): 9.35 Exploring Science; 9.58 Let's Go (for mentally handicapped): 10.12 Words and Pictures; 10.30 Home Economics (animal foods): 11.02 Science All Around (bottles).

11.25 You and Me: a e i o u (r).

11.40 Schools, Colleges: History (the Country of the Setting Sun): 12.05 pm Russian-Language and People: part 6. Closedown at 12.30.

12.45 News and weather.

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1.00 Pebble Milt at One: Includes
an Item on Indian cooking, by
Lalim Ahmed. Also, Geoffrey Pardoe on the energy criss.

1.45 Playboard: Pupper show.

2.01 Schools Colleges: Watch (boatbuilding); 2.18 Near and Far; 2.40 Communicate! (inside radio). Clusedown at 3.00.

BBC 2 6.40 am Open University: Personality and Learning; 7.05 Ecology; 7.30 Animal Kingdom. Close down at 7.55. 10.20 Gharbar: For Asian viewers. Health matters Close down at 10.45. 11.00 Play School: Same as BBC 1, 3.55. Close down at 11.25.

4.50 pm Open University: Generics;
5.15 Stereochemistry.
5.40 Laurel and Hardy: Frivate
Life of Oliver the Eighth* (1934).
Oliver dreams that he is to become
a rich widow's next victim. Mae
Busch plays the much-married lady. 6.05 The Paul Daniels Magic Show:

9.30 For Schools: 9.30 Politics (1978 Hamilton by-election); 9.52 My World (the use of space); 10.16 How we Used to Live (Victorian inventions); 10.33 French: (the subject is love); 11.04 Stop, Look, Listen (bricks); 11.16 Finding Out (Verona); 11.36 How we Used to Live (Victorian Christmas).

12.00 The Adventures of Rupert Bear: The story of Rupert and the

12.10 pm Rainbow: Light-hearted learning for children. 12.30 The Sullivans: Australian.

1.30 Take the High Road: Part 2 of this Scottish Television series about life in rural Scotland. Today:

fuel for the local gossip (Irene

2.00 After Noon Plus: Interview

about divorce reform by campaigning MP Leo Abse; plus an item about valuable autographed documents including a Lord Nelson cheque and embalming instructions for king Wilson IV.

2.45 The Outsiders: Last Cam-

paign. Australian drama series. Charlie (Andrew Keir) finds his life could be in danger.

3.45 Hobson's Choice: Derek Hob-

4.15 The Sooty Show: The puppets, plus Bob Todd, the comedian, and the magician Clive Webb.

4.45 The Life and Times of Grizzly

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News.

THAMES

Poppies (r).

family serial.

Already seen on BBC 1, this series opens with the old three-card trick. We also see the Morettis, who are sharpshooters, a juggler, some archers, and a puppeter, Albrecht Roser. 6.40 The Master Game: Sixth game in the cliess tournament. Walter Browne, of the United States, plays John Nunn, of Great Britain. 7.10 News: with sub-titles for the

hard of hearing.
7.20 Mr Smith's Indoor Garden:
How to make a bottle garden.
With Geoffrey Smith.
7.45 Arena: Six Days in September.
Coinciding with the opening of the
abstract art exhibition at the Tate Gallery, a repeated showing of this documentary about the painter

Eileen McCallum who plays

Isabel Blair in Scottish Television's serial Take the High

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7.30 Coronation Street: Bert
Tilsley tries to find out what is
the matter with his son Brian.
8.00 The Hard Way: Thriller with
Patrick McGoohan as the former mercenary assessin who tries to turn his back on murder. Lee Van Cleef is the man who won't let him (see Personal Choice).

9.35 George and Mildred: Domestic comedy (r).

10.00 News, 10.30 Disappearing World: The Pathans. Very topical, in view of the Afghanistan business, is this documentary about that countrys' warrior tribesmen. It explains why they hate the Russians so much they hate the Russians so much (see Personal Choice).

11.15 Thames Arts: New series about the arts scene in and around London. Presented by Richard Cork. Includes an interview with Irish actor Cyrii Cusack.

11.30 Barnaby Jones: Detective thriller, about the murder of a pollor. thriner, about the pilot. 12.25 am Close: Bernard Hepton reads the poem America, by William Blake.

8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News. 3.25 Children's Wardrobe: making a classic dress. With Ann Ladbury.
3.55 Play School: Joanne Cole's story The Camel's House.
4.20 The Backyard: A Czecho-ilized rather than lose their jobs in 9.05 Mid-Week. 10.00 News.

Radio 4

6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines.

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today.

9.25 Open Secret: For \$7 an hour: New series of investigative reports by Peter Williams. The five American women who choice to be sterilized rather that lose their jobs in the lead industry (see Personal Choice).

9.55 Sportsnight: A recording of last night's right between Jimmy Filmt and Pat Cowdell for the featherweight championship of Great Britain. Also ice hockey at the Winter Olympics; Czechoslovakia v Sweden. News headlines at 11.00. Parkinson: with Shirley Wilthe Winter Olympics: Czechosloserial about an old GWR branch
line, set in 1906.

5.40 News: with Richard Whitmore, 5.55 Nationwide.

6.55 Olympic Grandstand: The
3,000 metres Ladles' Speed Skating
and the Ladles' Glant Sialom.
Also, the Ice Dance championships, with much British interest in
lane Torvill and Christobher Dean.

Regions

BBC VARIATIONS: Wales: 11.02 am I Ysgolton, 5.10 pm Blitdowcar 5.55 Wales 10day, 6.20 Haddiw 12.02 am Nows arm Woodler: Scotland: 12.40 pm Nows arm Woodler: Scotland: 12.40 pm Northern Invested: 3.53 pm Northern Irejand tream 1.55 scene Around Six, 12.02 am News and weather, Rorthern Irejand tream 1.55 pm Northern Irejand tream News and weather, England: 5.55 pm Regional Magazines, 12.05 am Closo. ane Torvill and Christopher Dean.

8.25 The Two Ronnies: Second showing of this comedy show starring Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett.

> 8.20 Film: Sweet Charity (1965). Musical re-make of Fellini's film Le Notte de Cabiria, with Shirley MacLaine at her considerable best as the much-put-upon dancer who dreams of marrying money. Includes some musical numbers that are the equal of Hollywond's finest: Directed by Bob Fosse, who made Cabaret.

10.45 Newsnight: News and current alfairs.

11.30 Open Door: Carry on Comprehensives. A platform for the Campaign for Comprehensive Education (first shown last Satur-

12.00 Close down: Anna Massey reads Ted Walker's poem The Burning (r).

Adams: The Trial. A young Indian runs for his life.
5.45 News. 6.90 Thames News.
6.25 Help I The self-help group that assists sufferers from sclero-derma, the rare skin disease.
Also—escalator accidents.
6.36 Crossroods. Morel serial 6.35 Crossroads: Motel serial 6.55 Crossroads; Motel serial, Glenda's father worries her. 7.00 This is Your Life: Eamonn Andrews with another tribute to someone who is taken unawares by

> HTV Report Wates. HTV WEST: No variations. Grampian

5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00 Study on 4: Sure le vif (16). 11.30-12.10 am Open University: Technology for Teachers; The Pub-

Radio 3

10.05 Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Four Frightened People (8). 2.00 News-11.00 News.
11.05 Baker's Dozen.
12.06 News.
12.27 Plays: Filling; Loving Room.
12.55 Weather.
12.07 Plays: Filling; Loving Room.

2.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers. 2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. 3.00 News. 3.02 Listen With Mother. 3.15 Play: Hurdles, by John Pilk-

3.15 Play; Hurdles, by John Pilkington.
4.00 Choral Evensong.† 4.45 Story:
The Love Affair of the Century.
5.00 PM.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.30 My Music.† 7.00 News.
7.25 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint.
7.45 On the Town.
8.30 A Sideways Look.
8.45 Analysis.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 The Life and Times of the Orchestra (2).†

Orchestra (2).†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime.
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.15-12.23 am Weather.

VHF
6.50 am Regional news, weather.
7.50 Regional news, weather.
9.05-10.30 Schools: History in Evidence: Advanced Studies—English; Poetry Corner; Music Makers; Something to Think About.
10.45-12.00 Schools: The Music Box; By the People, For the People; Inquiry; Quest.
2.00-3.00 pm Schools: Movement and Drama I; Books, Plays, Poems; Nature.

6.55 am (mw only) Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Boyce, Vivaldi, Mozart, Handel, Scariatti † 8.05 Records: Strauss, Poulenc, Bruch (Scottish Fant).† 9.00 Cricket: India v England.

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9.00 Cricket: India v England.
10.40 Organ: W. Hunt, Exton, Ireland, C. Wood.†
11.15 Miniatures: Previn, Warlock, Arnold, Butterworth.†
12.15 pm Hamburg Camerata Accademica/Jürgens: Handel, Telemann.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Tenor, oboe, piano (live from Broadcasting House): Vivaldi, Haydn. Dutilleux, Britten.†
2.05 Music Weekly.†
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2.07 Music Weekly.†
2.08 Minimatures: Previn, Warlock, South Assembly So 1.00 News.
1.05 Tenor, oboe, piano (live from Broadcasting House): Vivaldi, Haydn. Duilleux, Britten.†
2.05 Music Weekly.†
2.55 BBC Welsh SO/Thomson: T. Wilson, Mathias, D. Ellis (Sym

.55 Cello (Tortelier): Bach (Suite 1).7 4.20 Aspects of the Blues (2). 4.20 Aspects of the Blues (2).
4.55 News.
5.00 (mw and mono only from
6.20) Music for early evening.†
7.00 Scientifically Speaking.
8.00 BBCSO/Gielen (live from Festival Hall), pt 1: Gielen (Pentaphonie—1st UK perf).†
8.45 Six Continents; world news.
9.05 BBCSO, pt 2: Mahler (Sym
41.†

10.10 Historical farce: When the Congress Wasu't Dancing. 10.35 Record: Beetboven (minuets).† 10.55 Violin

Violin (Kremer), piano: Sade, Milhaud.† 10.55 Violin (Kremer), piano: Ravel, Sade, Milhaud.† 11.55-12.00 News. VHF as above except: 6.00 am-7.00 Open University: The Threat of Leviathan; Decorative Art in the 1890s; Introduction to 5101.

9.00 News.
9.05 Week's Composer: Victoria.†
9.45-10.40 Plano: Raydu, Schubert
(D958).†
6.20 pm-7.00 Open University:
Fielding and Patronage: What is
Crime?

Radio 2

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5.00 am News, weather. 5.04 Steve Jones.† 7.32 Ray Moore.† 10.04 Jimmy Young.† 12.04 pm David Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed Stewart.† 4.03 Much More Music.† 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk. 5.20 Much More Music.† 6.03 John Dunn.† 8.02 Listen to the Band.† 8.45 Alan Dell. 9.15 The Magic of the Musicals.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 News Huddines. 10.30 Jimmy Hill. 11.02 Brian Matthew. 2.02-5.00 am You and the Night and the Music.†

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Border As London except: 2.45 pm House 2.15 Money Go Round, 4.45 Light, 5.15 Happy Days, 6.00 around, 11.75 Gallery, 11.30 Surgeon, 12.00 News,

As London except: 2.45 pm Kouscparty. 3.15 Money-Go-Round: 4.45 white Light. 5.15 Barney Miller. 6.00 About Anglia, 11.15 Celebrity Concert. 12.10 am Big Question.

Southern As London except: 2.45 pm Houseparty. 3.15 Money-Co-Round: 4.45 White Light, 5.15 Cartoon, 5.20 Crossroads. 6.00 Day by Day. 11.15 News. 11.20 family. 12.15 am Weather, Islam on

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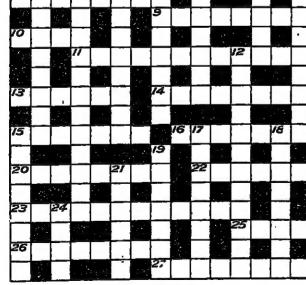
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